individual, unless notice of the same shall have been first published for at least two weeks in two newspapers of the City of Cumberland; and no franchise right or privilege in relation to any highways, avenues, streets, alleys, lanes or parks, either on, above or below the surface of the same, shall be granted by the Mayor and City Council to any person or corporation for a longer period than fifty years.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 273.

AN ACT to authorize, empower and direct the Commissioners of Ellicott City, to borrow on the faith and credit of said City, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the aggregate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) as may be necessary to enable said Commissioners to purchase a site for a fire engine house, and to improve the same, and to provide for the repayment thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Commissioners of Ellicott City be, and they are hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to borrow on the faith and credit of said city such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the aggregate Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), as may be necessary to enable said Commissioners to purchase a site for a fire engine house, and to improve the same.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That for the repayment of said sum or sums of money so borrowed, the said Commissioners of Ellicott City shall execute their promissory note or notes, the same to be signed by the President of said Commissioners, and countersigned by the City Registrar. Said note or notes shall bear interest from date, at such rate, and shall be drawn in such amounts, and payable at such time or times, as the said Commissioners of Ellicott City shall, in their discretion, determine, but the total amount of said promissory note or notes shall not exceed the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00). And the said Commissioners of Ellicott City are hereby authorized and empowered to renew said promissory note or notes as they mature, from time to time, in whole or in part, until all of said promissory notes, and the interest thereon, have been fully paid.