

ceeding twenty-five years, and be renewable at the discretion of the Mayor and Council, and shall specifically set out the nature, right and duration of same, and no power or right not expressed in the franchise or grant shall pass thereunder; and the Mayor and Council notwithstanding anything that may be set out in any such franchise or grant, shall not have the power to divest itself of the right to regulate and control the use of the rights under any franchise granted or that may be granted by it, and to fix and regulate the charges for service whenever they deem the public interest may require it; to establish and maintain public parks and playgrounds; to control and protect the public grounds and property of the City; to establish and regulate a station house or lock-up for temporary confinement of violators of the laws and ordinances of the City; to punish and suppress tramps and vagrants; to regulate the keeping of dogs in said City and to provide for the licensing and taxing of the same; to provide for killing of dogs on which no license or taxes are paid; to provide for protection of all public property, cemeteries and property of all public service companies or corporations and for any franchise, easement or privilege hereafter granted the Mayor and Council may charge for such franchise, easements or privileges when granted, and may charge an annual rental upon any franchise, easement or privilege for using the streets, highways and sidewalks of said City that hitherto has been granted or may hereafter be granted; to regulate and license auctioneers who cry any public sales within the corporate limits of the City; to regulate and control all offensive trades, manufacture and traffic in offensive fertilizer or other commodities within the City limits; to provide for the codification of all ordinances which may have been or may hereafter be passed; and to abate by appropriate ordinance all nuisances in said City which are so defined at common law by this Act or by laws of the State of Maryland, whether the same be herein specifically named or not; and for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing powers and for the preservation of the cleanliness, health, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens, and to suppress, abate and discontinue, or cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued all nuisances within the corporate and sanitary limits of said City, they may pass all ordinances or by-laws from time to time necessary, and to insure the observance of said ordinances in addition to the usual action of debt or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery of the penalties thereto affixed, they may affix thereto such reasonable fines as to them appear right, and in default of the payment of any fine imposed, they