

purchasers thereof, interest on the purchase price at the rate of twelve (12) per centum per annum accruing between the date of any such sale and the date of such redemption.

SEC. 16. Upon the demand of any owner or owners, of real estate so sold for taxes and/or assessments, the said treasurer shall pay to him or them the difference between the amount of the purchase price of any piece or pieces of real estate so sold at tax and/or assessment sale and the taxes, assessments, interest, penalties and costs and all accrued taxes, assessments, interest, penalties and costs on said real estate, due and payable to the said Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville.

SEC. 17. Taxes on personal property shall be collected as is now provided by law for the collection of such taxes due Prince George's County.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any real estate shall have been bought in, as herein provided, by the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville, at any tax and/or assessment sale made under the provisions of this Act and the same shall not have been redeemed within the time provided for the redemption thereof, and not set aside by the Court for defects in the levying of such taxes or the making of such assessments, the said Mayor and Common Council, as an additional and cumulative means of enforcing the payment of taxes and/or special assessments, interest, penalties and costs against real estate, which have accrued prior to the date of this Act, or which shall thereafter accrue, and in no wise in derogation of the remedy hereby given, may, within six months after the time of redemption has expired, file a plenary proceeding in equity in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, to re-affirm and finally establish a lien upon said respective pieces of real estate so sold to it, for the taxes and/or assessments, interest, penalties and costs so assessed and charged against the same and to obtain a decree for the enforcement thereof. The owner or owners of each piece of real estate upon which such taxes and/or assessments, interest, penalties and costs are sought to be enforced, shall be made parties defendant in said suit, and, if residents of the State of Maryland, shall be personally served with process, and if non-residents, shall be served with process by publication, as is provided by law.