

of the water system and sewerage system of Ocean City, and for such other proper public purposes as in the judgment of the said Mayor and City Council may seem advisable.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow on the credit of the said town an amount not exceeding thirty five thousand dollars and to issue coupon bonds therefor in sums of one thousand dollars each, to be signed by the Mayor of said town and to be countersigned by the Treasurer thereof with the seal of the said town attached, and to be designated as Ocean City Improvement, Water System and Sewerage System Bonds of 1927. Said bonds shall be issued as of January 1, 1927, and shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July and January in each and every year until the said bonds are paid. Said bonds shall be registered by the Treasurer in a separate book kept for that purpose and shall forever be exempt from taxation for State, County and municipal and other local purposes and shall have printed on them a distinct reference to the act directing their issue.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted as aforesaid,* That said issue of bonds shall be numbered consecutively beginning with number one and shall mature and be payable in the order of their numbers as follows: Two thousand dollars January 1, 1939, and two thousand dollars January first of each year thereafter to and including January 1, 1955, and the remaining one thousand dollars January 1, 1956. Said bonds shall be sold at public or private sale or sales as a whole or separately or in groups and at such place or places and at such time or times as in the discretion of said Mayor and City Council may seem advisable, until all of said bonds, or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be sold; but none of said bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued interest.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted as aforesaid,* That for the purpose of redeeming said bonds at maturity and for securing the prompt payment of interest thereon the said Mayor and City Council is hereby authorized and directed to annually levy upon all the taxable property of said town, such sums of money as in the judgment of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City shall be necessary for the prompt payment of the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof when the same shall become due, and any surplus on hand at any time arising from such levy, shall be by the said Mayor and City Council invested in some safe security as a sinking fund which shall not at any time