

such improvements or repairs or to proceed to make such improvements or repairs and assess the cost thereof to the owner or owners of the abutting property in proportion to the frontage of such property and to make such expense a lien upon said abutting property. (28) To license, tax and regulate all inns, taverns, dance halls, pool rooms, soda fountains, pool tables, bowling alleys, places where soft drinks are disposed of, livery or sales stables, hotels, restaurants, lunch rooms or other places used or kept for public entertainment, and in the discretion of said Mayor and Council to refuse to grant any such license and to revoke any such license when granted. (29) To grant franchises and easements of the public streets, lanes or alleys of said town to electric light companies, gas companies, and other public utilities provided that none of such franchises or easements are for a longer duration than twenty years.

For the purpose of carrying out the foregoing powers the Mayor and Council may pass any and all ordinances and by-laws from time to time deemed necessary and may enforce and insure the observance of such by-laws or ordinances in the same manner and the same provisions of law shall apply in all respects thereto as is set forth and provided in Section 279 of Staton's Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, entitled "Pocomoke City."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect May 1, 1927.

Approved April 5, 1927.

CHAPTER 447.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to levy, for the year 1927, a sum not to exceed \$700, for repairing Scotland School for colored children.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County be and they are hereby authorized and directed to levy, for the year 1927, a sum sufficient to repair the colored school building, known as Scotland School, in the First Election Dis-