

public buildings to be lighted, supplied with water or other conveniences, as they may deem necessary and proper; to establish and regulate a fire department, and provide such means, engines, apparatus, measures or materials for the prevention or extinguishment of fires as they may deem necessary; to permit, under such restrictions as they may deem proper, the laying of railroad tracks and the running of cars drawn by horses, steam, electricity or other power thereon; the laying of gas or water pipes in the public streets, and to construct and maintain and permit the construction and maintenance of telegraph, telephone and electric lines therein, and they shall impose such restrictions and conditions upon the location and maintenance of gas, electric light and waterworks, pipes, wires, poles and railroad tracks as shall secure the least possible public or private inconvenience, and they shall provide for the enforcement of such restriction and conditions; to contract for periods not exceeding five years with the County Commissioners of Montgomery or Prince George's Counties, any municipal corporation, village or town improvements association, any person, association or persons or corporations for supplying the said town or the inhabitants thereof or for said town or its said Council supplying such County Commissioners, municipality, association, person, persons or corporation, with water, gas or electricity, or for any other general municipal purpose or purposes, and as to sewers or sewerage not exceeding ten years; such contracts to be let only after thirty days' notice, calling for bids for such purpose or purposes, has been given at least three times during that period in some newspaper of general circulation in the town, and the Council may, in their discretion, reject any or all bids, and such contract or contracts shall be awarded by ordinance; to license, for the purpose of regulation and revenue, all and every kind of business transacted or carried on in the town, to fix the rate of license upon the same, and provide for the collection thereof by suit or otherwise; to license, regulate or prohibit any place of public amusement or recreation, pleasure parks, picnic grounds, club houses, theatrical exhibitions, baseball grounds, bowling alley, billiard or pool rooms, camp-meeting grounds or public assembly of any kind; to establish markets and regulate the hours and limits thereof and the mode of dealing in relation thereto; to control and protect the public grounds and property of the town; to establish, equip and maintain public parks and playgrounds; to protect public buildings, churches and private buildings, trees and fences, from defacement or