

143. They may grade and pave streets and lay flagstones across the same and require the owners of lots, in front of which such grading and paving are to be done, to do the same at their own expense. They shall also have the authority to contract with some responsible company, corporation, person or persons for a water supply for said city; and may grant permission to any such company, corporation, person or persons to lay pipes in the beds of the avenues, streets, lanes and alleys of said city, and the expense and liability of said company, corporation, person or persons for all damages to the avenues, streets, lanes and alleys, persons or private property done in laying such pipes; provided that no contract made in pursuance of this section shall be made to bind or be binding upon the Commissioners of Ellicott City for a longer period than twelve years. They may also, in their discretion, purchase any existing water plant from any company, corporation, person or persons. The duty of lighting the avenues, streets, lanes and alleys of said Ellicott City, either by electricity or otherwise, is hereby imposed on the County Commissioners of Howard County, who shall annually levy such sum as may be necessary for that purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER 88.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 150 of Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Howard County," sub-title "Ellicott City," reducing the maximum tax rate which may be levied in said city.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 150 of Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Howard County," sub-title "Ellicott City," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: