

## FRANCHISES.

117. The Mayor and Council of Chestertown may grant specific franchises or rights in or relating to its highways, avenues, streets, lanes, alleys, and parks; provided, however, that no franchise of the town shall be granted to any corporation or individual, unless notice of the same shall have been first published for at least two weeks in one or more newspapers of the town of Chestertown; and no franchise, right or privilege in relation to any highways, avenues, streets, alleys, lanes, or parks, either on, above or below the surface of the same, shall be granted for a longer period than twenty years.

## GARBAGE.

118. The Mayor and Council may establish and maintain a garbage, sand, ash or trash collection and disposal service within the corporate limits of said town, said garbage or ash or trash collection and disposal service to be established and maintained by said Mayor and Council, either as a municipal operation or by contract with such person, firm or corporation as may be satisfactory to the said Mayor and Council, and the said Mayor and Council are hereby authorized and empowered to pass such ordinances which they may deem necessary from time to time in order to provide for the proper collection and disposal of said garbage, ashes and trash and to prescribe such penalties for the violation thereof as they may now prescribe for the violation of town ordinances under the authority heretofore\* granted by this Act.

## FINANCES.

119. The Mayor and Council shall not in any one year expend for general purposes for the town more money than the amount received from taxes and the amounts they shall have received from the County Commissioners of Kent County, or from any other source, and no contract for such excessive expenditure shall be enforceable against them. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Mayor and Council from making any agreements or contracts for any special purpose to be payable out of the funds to be thereafter derived.

## FISCAL YEAR—BUDGET—AUDIT.

120. The fiscal year shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st in each and every year; during the month of

\*"Hereinbefore" evidently intended.