

special assessment on real property, according to the front foot rule of apportionment, in the Town of Seat Pleasant for the purpose of paying front foot benefits for public improvements.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 9, of Chapter 197 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1931, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9. That the Common Council of Seat Pleasant shall meet at least once a month and the Mayor for all purposes, except as herein noted, shall constitute one of the Council. A majority shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum shall be necessary to transact business. If a vacancy exists among the officers of the town or the members of the Council, other than the Mayor the Council shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The said Council shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of its own members. They may provide by ordinance for contested elections, they shall have the power to appoint one or more bailiffs, who shall have the same authority within the town limits, now possessed by constables of Prince George's County, as to the ordinances of said town. The Mayor and Common Council shall have power by ordinance to provide for the good government of the town, preservation of peace and order therein, and for the maintenance of the good health of the residents thereof, to establish grades of the streets, gutters and sidewalks of said town and to fix the width thereof; to open and keep open and free from obstruction, all streets and public reservations; to grade, close or alter the same; and their rights, powers and duties in relation thereto shall be the same as is provided by the Code of Public General Laws of this State for opening, altering and closing public roads by the Board of County Commissioners, with the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for the county.

The Mayor and Common Council shall have full power to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the good government, health, and improvement of the town and for the preservation of peace and good order therein. They may provide by ordinance for the opening and closing of streets, alleys, the straightening, widening and improvement of same, for the establishment of width and care of sidewalks and the construction of the same; they may by ordinance cause such license to be issued as the State laws may permit, upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem proper.

The Mayor and Common Council shall have the same power as the State Board of Health, within the corporate limits of the said town. They may adopt and provide an efficient system of drainage. They may adopt suitable measures for the