

George's County, be amended by adding thereto, immediately following Section 1163, a new Section 1163(a), to supplement the powers of the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale, which new section shall read as follows:

1163(a). The Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale shall have power to provide by ordinance for the following in addition to the powers heretofore conferred:

(1) To require the registration of all persons eligible to vote in town elections.

(2) To authorize the Common Council to elect from its members a president, pro tempore, to preside at any regular or special meeting of that body in the absence of the Mayor and to discharge the duties of Mayor during the absence or temporary disability of that official.

(3) To declare vacant the office of Mayor, or that of any Councilman, who shall for three consecutive regular meetings of the Council fail to attend its sessions, if, after written notice to the official failing to attend, the Council shall find it in the public interest to declare the office vacant, in which event the office shall be filled in the manner prescribed by the charter of the town for the filling of a vacancy in such office.

(4) To authorize the borrowing upon the faith and credit of the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale, for the purpose of meeting any unexpected contingency, a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00, for which the town may issue its promissory note, or notes, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by its Clerk, bearing interest at not more than 6 percent per annum, the proceeds of which shall be deposited by the Treasurer to the credit of the town and expended as appropriated by order of the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale. Provided, however, that the Mayor and Common Council shall allocate out of anticipated revenues sufficient funds for the retirement of such obligations, and provided further, that the total of such borrowings for unexpected contingencies shall at no time exceed \$3,000.00.

(5) To provide for the transfer to the General Fund of the town, to be appropriated and expended by the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale for public purposes, the unexpended balance of any tax funds levied for the construction of public works under the "Public Works Act" (Article 31 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as amended), after the payment of the bonds and interest thereon for which such tax was levied.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1945.

Approved March 29, 1945.