

Town of Cottage City, shall be and the same are hereby extended and made applicable to such portion of Prince George's County as is, under the provisions of this Act, annexed to and made a part of the said Town of Cottage City. Nothing herein, or elsewhere in this Act, shall affect the power of the Cottage City Commission to amend or repeal any ordinance existing at the date of the passage of this Act, or to enact and ordain any ordinance which, at the date of the passage of this Act, or hereafter, it may be authorized to enact and ordain.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the new territory hereby annexed to said town by this Act, shall constitute and become the Fifth Ward of the said Town of Cottage City. The said Cottage City Commission, as soon as practicable after the passage of this Act, shall appoint registration officers and provide for the registration of voters in said annexed territory, in accordance with the law providing for the registration of voters in the Town of Cottage City. All voters so registered shall be entitled to vote for commissioners and shall have the same rights and privileges as voters in the Town of Cottage City.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That persons resident and property situate within the territory which by this Act is annexed to the Town of Cottage City, shall be exempt from taxation by the said Town Commissioners of Cottage City for the year 1948. Beginning with the municipal levy to be made in the year 1949, the persons so resident and the property so situate shall be subject to the same taxes, assessments, license fees and charges as are now imposed upon said town or may be hereafter imposed thereon. The Treasurer of said Town of Cottage City is authorized and required, in addition to the duties heretofore imposed upon him, to collect all municipal taxes, assessments, license fees and charges levied, assessed and imposed by the said Cottage City Commission upon the persons resident and property situate within said annexed territory, which shall be levied or assessed by the said Cottage City Commission.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all roads, streets, avenues or alleys lying within the territory annexed to the said town by this Act, and heretofore dedicated or acquired by condemnation proceedings under the provisions of any of the laws of Maryland, or the Common Law, and in actual general use as a road, street, avenue or alley, shall be held to be validly constituted public highways of the Town of Cottage City.