

follow immediately after Section 24, and to be known as Section 24 (a), empowering the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis to acquire land and property by purchase, lease, gift, condemnation or any other means, for the purpose of providing off-street parking, and to empower said City to construct, maintain and operate thereon off-street parking facilities for the storage and parking of vehicles, and to make, fix and collect charges for the use of said facilities.

WHEREAS, by reason of the growth of the City of Annapolis and the increase in the number of activities carried on in said City in connection with the United States Naval Academy, the establishment of many State offices, and otherwise, there has been a very great increase in the amount of vehicular traffic in said City, rendering inadequate for the accommodation thereof the narrow streets of the City and creating congestion and slowing down the movement of such traffic, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, in the public interest, to empower the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis to remedy such conditions by providing off-street parking, thereby clearing the streets for the movement of traffic; now, therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Article II of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", subtitle: "Annapolis", be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to follow immediately after Section 24 of said Article, to be known as Section 24 (a) and to read as follows:*

*24. (a) The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, in addition to the corporate powers heretofore granted, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire land and property of every kind, including property used or held for public or quasi-public purposes, by purchase, lease, gift, devise, condemnation, or any other legal means, for use and operation by the City as single or multiple deck off-street parking facilities for the storage and parking of vehicles, and in connection therewith to raze existing buildings on any property so acquired, and to improve, maintain and operate any such property and construct facilities thereon for the parking of automobiles or other vehicles by the general public, and to install meters thereon, and to make such rules and regulations governing such parking and the conduct of such parking lots, including the making, fixing and collecting of charges for the use of the same, as said Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis may, by ordinance, decide. For the purpose of exercising the powers herein conferred, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City*