

(w) *Minor Privileges.* To regulate or prevent the use of streets, sidewalks, and public places for signs, awnings, posts, steps, railings, entrances, racks, posting handbills and advertisements, and display of goods, wares, and merchandise.

(x) *Nuisances.* To regulate, restrain, or prohibit the running at large of all animals and fowl on any of the public ways of the city; to regulate all stockyards, cattle pens, hog pens, and slaughterhouses within the city, or provide for their removal from the corporate limits thereof; to regulate and control all offensive trades, manufacture and traffic in offensive fertilizer or other commodities within the city limits; to regulate or suppress slaughterhouses and smokehouses within the city, and to regulate canning houses within the corporate limits; to abate by appropriate ordinance all nuisances in the city which are so defined at common law, by this charter, or by the laws of the State of Maryland, whether the same be herein specifically named or not; to prevent, remove, and abate all nuisances or obstructions in or upon the public ways, drains, or water courses, or in or upon any lot adjacent thereto, or any other place within the limits of the city; to remove or cause to be removed houses or other structures that may be dangerous to persons passing along or over any of the public ways of the city.

(y) *Parking Lots.* To license, regulate, establish, operate, acquire, own, and maintain parking lots.

(z) *Parks and Playgrounds.* To establish and maintain public parks and playgrounds.

(a2) *Public Property.* To control and protect the public grounds and property of the city; to provide for protection of all public property, cemeteries, and property of all public service companies or corporations.

(b2) *Public Utilities.* To establish, own, control, operate, maintain and manage a wharf for the use of the City, a public market, and a plant or plants and system or systems for supplying water to and for the City and the inhabitants thereof, and adjacent thereto, or any one or more of them, and to exercise police power to regulate and control the use of the streets, alleys and highways and other public places of the City by electric, gas, telephone, telegraph, street railway, taxicab, bus, water, heating, sewer and drain companies, and to purchase or condemn, as hereafter provided, any property whatsoever, in fee simple or otherwise, for the purpose of establishing, owning, controlling, operating, maintaining or managing any