

156. *Protection.* The City of Salisbury shall have the power to do whatever may be necessary to protect public property and to keep all public property in good condition.

ARTICLE XIX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

157. *Date OATH of Office.* The following persons, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall make oath before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County that they will diligently and faithfully, without partiality, favor, or prejudice, and well and truly perform the duties of their office: The mayor, the members of the council, the executive secretary to the mayor, the city treasurer, the city clerk, the city solicitor, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the judges of election, the heads of all offices, departments, and agencies of the city government, and such other officers and employees of the city as the council may require. Each oath shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County. A certificate of each oath shall be returned by him to the council and shall be recorded in the proceedings of the council. Either of these records or a certified copy of either of them under seal may be used as evidence in any court in the state.

158. *Personal Interest.* Neither the mayor nor any councilman nor any other officer or employee of the city in their private capacities shall enter into or make any contract for doing work or furnishing supplies or materials for the city, nor shall they in any manner participate in the profits of any contract made by or entering into by them for the city with any person, firm, or corporation. Any such contract shall be null and void and not recoverable at law. This section shall not apply to any stockholder of a corporation who is not an officer of the corporation.

159. *Official Bonds.* The city treasurer and such other officers or employees of the city as the council or this charter may require, shall give bond in such amount and with such surety as may be required by the council. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the city.

160. *Deeds.* No deed or deeds conveying real estate or chattels real, situated or located within the corporate limits of the City of Salisbury, shall be admitted to record among the land records of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County until the property thereby conveyed or assigned