

has been duly transferred upon the city assessment books in the office of the city treasurer to the grantee or assignee named in such deed. Before such property shall be transferred on the assessment books, all city taxes, special assessments, water rents, and other public charges due to the City of Salisbury for the current year and all prior years must be paid, and as evidence of such payment, the city treasurer shall stamp upon the deed his certificate thereof. The city treasurer shall further certify the fact of the transfer upon the deed, and the clerk of the Circuit Court shall not record or accept for recording any deed without the certificates of the city treasurer, as prescribed by this section.

161. *Prior Rights and Obligations.* All right, title, and interest held by the City of Salisbury or any other person or corporation at the time this charter is adopted, in and to any lien acquired under any prior charter of the city, is hereby preserved for the holder in all respects as if this charter had not been adopted, together with all rights and remedies in relation thereto. This charter shall not discharge, impair, or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability, or penalty whatever existing at the time this charter becomes effective. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this charter, shall be instituted, proceeded with, and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this charter had not become effective.

162. *Existing Laws.* All laws in effect at the time this charter is adopted, relating or applicable to the City of Salisbury and not inconsistent with this charter, shall remain in effect until changed or repealed by the General Assembly of Maryland.

163. *Existing Ordinances.* All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations in effect in the city at the time this charter is adopted and which are not in conflict with the provisions of this charter, shall remain in effect until amended, altered, or repealed according to the provisions of this charter.

164. *Women.* Women shall be eligible for all municipal offices provided for in this charter if they have the same qualifications required herein for men. Whenever the masculine gender has been used as to any such offices it shall be construed to include the feminine gender.