

165. *Misdemeanors.* Every act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this charter, unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable upon conviction before any justice of the peace or in the Circuit Court of the county within which the offense is committed by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for thirty days in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the court or justice. The party aggrieved shall have the right of appeal as is now provided under the general laws of the state. Where the act or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in, in violation of the provisions of this charter or of any rules or regulations formulated hereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to a conviction for a continuation of the offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

ARTICLE XX

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

166. *Authorized.* Amendments to this charter may be made as hereinafter provided, and such amendments shall have the same force of law as if they had been enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland. The word "amendments" as used in this article shall include alterations and additions.

167. *Council May Amend Charter.* Amendments to this charter may be proposed by a majority vote of all the members of the council. The mayor shall not have the power to veto an amendment ordinance. The ordinance proposing an amendment shall provide for an expression of the will of the qualified voters at a special or the next succeeding general election. Special charter amendment elections shall be administered as other elections. Charter amendments shall enact a new section or sections, or they shall repeal a section or sections of the charter and re-enact the same as amended.

168. *Advertisement.* The council shall authorize, at city expense, an advertisement of any charter amendment to be published in at least one newspaper published in the City of Salisbury at least once a week for four weeks immediately preceding an election at which such amendment is to be voted on. This advertisement shall contain the date of the election and a true copy of the proposed amendment or a true and unbiased description of the subject matter concerned.