

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

203. *The City of Frederick may make use of the services of volunteer fire companies. Under the supervision of the mayor, the captains of the volunteer fire companies, in person or through subordinates, shall do the following:*

(a) *They shall supervise the extinguishment of fires and the maintenance of all fire engines, hose, and other apparatus. They may compel all persons to assist firemen in extinguishing fires and in preserving and protecting the property thereby exposed to damage. They shall order all idle, suspicious, or disorderly persons away from the vicinity of any fire.*

(b) *They shall inspect all buildings, residences, dwellings, and other structures for fire hazards as prescribed by the board of aldermen and do such other things as are necessary for the prevention of fire.*

FINANCIAL GRANTS

204. *The City of Frederick shall have the power to make grants of money to any volunteer fire companies in the City of Frederick to defray the expenses of the companies, to purchase and maintain equipment, to maintain fire houses, to pay salaries, or for any other purposes the city deems proper. Each volunteer fire company shall submit a financial report to the city at least once a year, or more often if the city requires it, containing such information as the city shall require, but showing at least the amounts of money received from the city, all amounts expended and for what purposes, and the balance on hand at the time the report is submitted.*

ARTICLE XVII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

OATH OF OFFICE

205. *The following persons, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take oath before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County: The mayor and aldermen; the city register and collector of taxes; the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections; and such other officers and employees of the city as the board of aldermen may require. Such other municipal officers and employees as may be required to take an oath of office shall be sworn in by the mayor. The form of the oath shall be*