

as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection, or partiality." Each oath taken before the clerk of the Circuit Court shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County. A certificate of each oath shall be returned by him to the board of aldermen and shall be recorded in the proceedings of the board of aldermen. 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.

PERSONAL INTEREST

206. Neither the mayor nor any member of the board of aldermen shall be eligible to any appointment as a salaried officer, or retained as an employee of the city, nor shall he be interested directly or indirectly in any contract in which the city is interested.

OFFICIAL BONDS

207. The city register and collector of taxes and such other officers or employees of the city as the board of aldermen or this charter may require shall give bond in such amount and with such surety as may be required by the board of aldermen. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the city.

DEEDS

208. No deed or deeds conveying real estate or chattels real, situated or located within the corporate limits of the City of Frederick shall be admitted to record among the land records of the Circuit Court for Frederick County until the property thereby conveyed or assigned has been duly transferred upon the city assessment books in the office of the city register and collector of taxes 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 Frederick for the current year and all prior years must be paid, and as evidence of such payment the city register and collector of taxes shall stamp upon the deed his certificate thereof. The city register and collector of taxes 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 register and collector of taxes as prescribed by this section.