

or the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City and countersigned by the Treasurer thereof with the seal of the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City affixed thereto, and said bonds shall be designated as "POCOMOKE IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 1951" and shall be numbered consecutively from one (1) to twelve (12), inclusive, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding three percent (3%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of April and October of each and every year from the date of their issue. Said bonds shall be exempt from all taxation for State, County and Municipal purposes in the State of Maryland, and shall have printed on them a direct reference to this Act authorizing their issue.

The said bonds to be issued under this Act shall each mature in five (5) years from the date of issue; provided, however, that the said Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City shall have the right and privilege to pay any or all of the said bonds on any interest paying date prior to date of maturity.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City is hereby authorized and empowered to sell said bonds to the highest bidder upon sealed proposals, after having given at least ten (10) days notice by advertisement in some newspaper printed and published in Worcester County, Maryland, and by such other advertisement as the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City shall deem advisable, but the right is reserved unto the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City to reject any and all bids. The Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City is also authorized and empowered hereby to sell all or any part of said bonds in its discretion at private sale at not less than par and accrued interest.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be used for the purpose of extending and improving the water system and water supply of Pocomoke City, and for the purpose of extending and improving the sewerage and drainage system and the streets, highways, curbs and gutters of Pocomoke City.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of securing the prompt payment of all installments of interest on said bonds as the same shall become due, semi-annually as aforesaid, and for the purpose of redeeming said bonds at maturity or when called for payment at any interest paying date, the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City is hereby authorized and directed to levy annually a tax upon the assessable property of Pocomoke City in such sums as may be necessary and sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds semi-annually and to redeem said bonds. And when redeemed, said bonds shall be cancelled.