purpose; to have general management and control of the finances of the city.

- H. (Fire.) To suppress fires and prevent the dangers thereof and to establish and maintain a fire department; to contribute funds to volunteer fire companies serving the city; to inspect buildings for the purpose of reducing fire hazards, to issue regulations concerning fire hazards, and to forbid and prohibit the use of fire hazardous buildings and structures permanently or until the conditions of the city fire hazard regulations are met; and to take all other measures necessary to control and prevent fires in the city.
- I. (Franchises.) To grant and regulate franchises to water companies, electric light companies, gas companies, telegraph and telephone companies, taxicab companies, and which may be deemed advantageous and beneficial to the city.
- J. (Licenses.) Subject to any restrictions imposed by the public general laws of the State, to license and regulate all persons beginning or conducting transient or permanent business in the city for the sale of any goods, wares, merchandise, service, or advice, and to license and regulate any business, occupation, trade, calling, or profession or place of amusement or business; to establish and collect fees and charges for all licenses and permits issued under the authority of this charter.

The said city shall have full power and authority to regulate, license, and/or control the sale, transportation, consumption, or other distribution of all wines, maltose or spirituous liquors or beverages except to the extent prohibited by the laws of the State of Maryland or of the United States.

## K. (Lights.) To provide for the lighting of the town.

- L. (Police Force.) To establish, operate and maintain a police force. All city policemen shall have the powers and authority of constables in this State. The police of said city shall be entitled to lodge any prisoner under arrest until trial, in any place of confinement provided by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County for a prisoner.
- M. (Police Powers.) To prohibit, suppress, and punish within the city all vice, gambling, and games of chance; prostitution and solicitation therefor and the keeping of bawdy houses and house of ill fame; all tramps and vagrants; all disorders, disturbances, annoyances, dis-