

CHAP. 198.

CHAPTER 198.

Passed
March 2, 1848.

An additional supplement to the act entitled, an act to alter and change the name of Elizabethtown, in Washington County, to Hagerstown, and to incorporate the same.

Corporation to
consist of a
mayor and five
councilmen.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the corporate body of said town shall hereafter consist of a Mayor and five Councilmen, to be styled the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, with all the powers and immunities heretofore granted to the moderator and commissioners of said town.*

Mayor to be
elected for two
years and the
councilmen for
one.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted, That instead of electing five commissioners at the time and in the manner prescribed by the original act to which this is an additional supplement, the persons qualified to vote shall, on the second Monday of April next meet, and on the same day in every second year forever thereafter, elect the mayor to serve for two years, and shall at the same time in each and every year forever thereafter elect five councilmen, one for each ward in said town, to serve for one year, the said Mayor and Council to possess the same qualifications and eligibility as are now required of the moderator and commissioners of said town.*

Vacancy—
how to be filled

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted, That in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation or removal of the mayor out of the taxable limits of the town, the council for the time being shall elect a mayor for the residue of the term.*

Mayor to ex-
ercise powers
of a justice of
the peace.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted, That the Mayor shall in virtue of his office have and exercise all the jurisdiction and powers of a justice of the peace in Washington county, and for which service he shall be entitled to receive the same compensation that is allowed by law in similar cases to justices of the peace in said county.*

Compensation

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted, That the mayor and each member of the council shall be entitled to the same compensation as is now allowed to the moderator and commissioners.*

To take an
oath.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted, That the Mayor and Council shall, before they act as such, take the oath prescribed in the tenth section of the act to which this is an additional supplement.*

Mayor to pre-
side.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted, That the mayor, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the council, and he may summon them to convene whenever and as*