

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the limits of said town, for all purposes except direct taxation, shall extend one half mile in all directions from a stone situated near the Potomac river, and known as the boundary of lot number one, of the old soldier's lot, except upon the Potomac river, the Virginia shore of which shall be considered as its boundary.

Limits.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the white male citizens within the limits aforesaid who may have resided there six months prior to the election, and who are citizens of the State, and of the age of twenty-one years, on the first Monday in May eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and on the same day annually thereafter, shall be authorised to elect one chief and four assistant commissioners for the said town, the election to be held in a central part of the town, and to be kept open from nine in the morning to three in the afternoon; that a justice of the peace, for the time being a resident of the town, or if none reside there the nearest neighboring justice, shall appoint, by writing, one judge, who shall conduct said election, and make a return of the same, under oath, to the commissioners.

Election of chief and four assistant commissioners.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners so elected shall have full power and authority to pass all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve health, to prevent and remove nuisances, to suppress drunkenness and vice, to impose and appropriate fines and forfeitures for the breach of their by-laws and ordinances, to lay out and collect taxes for opening and extending streets and alleys, and other purposes; that they shall have power over all streets and alleys, now or hereafter to be opened; that the streets shall conform to the plat of the town, so far as executed by William M. Owens; *Provided however*, that the streets and alleys of that part of said town laid out by William Combs and Patrick Hammill, shall remain as they now are, and that nothing herein shall be so construed as to authorise or empower said commissioners to change the county road as at present located; all ordinances and by-laws to be signed by the commissioners.

Authority to pass laws and ordinances.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of this corporation shall be recovered before the chief commissioner aforesaid as small debts are recovered out of court; said chief commissioner is hereby vested with the power of administering oaths; and said chief commissioner shall be vested with full power to cause to be arrested, try, fine, and imprison all disorderly or riotous persons; and the commissioners shall have power to appoint such police or

Fines and forfeitures.