

Passed Mar 10, 1856. AN ACT to incorporate a company under the name of the Hydrant Company of Port Tobacco.

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Jonathan Padgett, John Hamilton, John G. Chapman, William Boswell, Joseph H. Cooksey, Robert S. Reeder, Peregrine Davis, William B. Mathews, Joseph Hutton, John R. Bateman, and Elijah Wells, jr., be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; and that the said body politic shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Hydrant Company of Port Tobacco, and shall have full and ample power and authority to do, perform and execute all and every matter and thing which any similar corporation may or can rightfully do, and shall have perpetual succession, and for that end, the individuals composing said company by the passage of this act, and their successors, shall be and are hereby declared to be members thereof; and by the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity in this State.

Vacancies—how filled. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the survivor or survivors of the persons above named shall have full power, whenever any one or more of them shall die or remove from Charles county, or whenever a vacancy may in any manner occur, to elect by ballot any person or persons residing in Charles county, whom they may judge proper, to fill the vacancy or vacancies so occasioned by removal, death or resignation, or to elect any additional member or members, if in their judgment they may think proper to do so, who, when so elected, shall have all the power and authority and stand in the same situation as the persons above named and hereby created a body corporate, have by this act.

Authorised to pass by-laws, &c. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to make by-laws, rules, and regulations for the well ordering and conducting of the business of the company, and of their meetings, the time and place thereof, and to alter, change and annul the same at their pleasure.

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