

per mode of increase or abatement of any erroneous assessment; to provide for the prompt payment of the tax authorised to be levied by this act, and to enforce by distraint or otherwise the payment of the same, after such time as may be fixed by such ordinance for such payments, and generally to facilitate the collection of such tax.

Power to pass ordinances.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Common Council are hereby authorised to pass all ordinances necessary for the preservation of the health of the said city of Westminster, and for its good government and general police, and to enforce the observance of such ordinances by fines and penalties not exceeding twenty dollars; and it shall be the duty of any Justice of the Peace of the said county, resident within the limits of said city, upon complaint lodged before him of a violation of any ordinance of the said Mayor and Common Council, to issue a process for the recovery of the fine or penalty imposed by said ordinance, in the name of the said Mayor and Common Council, against the party so offending, and upon the return of such process, to hear and determine such complaint as fully and effectually as he now can any matter or thing arising under his jurisdiction under the laws of the State; and it shall be the duty of such Justice, before whom any trial shall be had for a violation of any ordinance of said Mayor and Common Council, to proceed in all things as though the same were a matter arising under the laws of this State, and he shall receive and charge the same fees that are now allowed for similar cases by law; and in default of the payment of the fine or penalty which such justice may impose under authority of any ordinance of said Mayor and Common Council, he is hereby authorised to commit the party fined to the county jail for a period of time not exceeding ten days, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of Carroll county to receive into his custody and to confine in the jail all persons so committed as though they were committed under the laws of the State, and he shall charge and receive the same fees and no more as are now allowed for the same services done under and by virtue of the laws of this State.

May remit fines.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor of the city of Westminster shall have power to remit all fines or penalties which may be imposed by authority of any ordinance passed by the said Mayor and Common Council.