

funds to volunteer fire companies serving the town; 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 town fire-hazard regulations are met; to install and maintain fire plugs where and as necessary, and to regulate their use; and to take all other measures necessary to control and prevent fires in the town.

[(26)] (25) *Food*. To inspect and to require the condemnation of, if unwholesome, and to regulate the sale of, any food products.

[(27)] (26) *Franchises*. To grant and regulate franchises to water companies, electric light companies, gas companies, telegraph and telephone companies, transit companies, taxicab companies, and any others which may be deemed advantageous and beneficial to the town, subject [ ,however, ] to the limitations and provisions of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. No franchise shall be granted for a longer period than fifty years.

[(29)] (27) *Garbage*. To prevent the deposit of any unwholesome substance either on private or public property and to compel its removal to designated points; to require slops, garbage, ashes, and other waste or other unwholesome materials to be removed to designated points, or to require the occupants of the premises to place them conveniently for removal.

[(30)] (28) *Grants-in-aid*. To accept gifts and grants of Federal or of State funds from the Federal or State governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the [same] *funds* for any lawful public purpose, agreeably to the conditions under which the gifts or grants were made.

[(31)] (29) *Hawkers*. To license, tax, regulate, suppress, and prohibit hawkers and itinerant dealers, peddlers, pawnbrokers, and all other persons selling any articles on the streets of the town, and to revoke such licenses [for cause] *for any action or threat of action by such a licensee in the course of his occupation which causes or threatens harm or injury to inhabitants of the town or to their welfare or happiness*.

[(32)] (30) *Health*. To protect and preserve the health of the town and its inhabitants; to appoint a public health officer, and to define and regulate his powers and duties; to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the town; to establish quarantine regulations, and to authorize the removal and confinement of persons having contagious or infectious diseases; to prevent and remove all nuisances; to inspect, regulate, and abate any buildings, structures, or places which cause or may cause unsanitary conditions or conditions detrimental to health; [provided, that] *but nothing herein shall be construed to affect in any manner any of the powers and duties of the State Board of Health, the County Board of Health, or any public general or local law relating to the subject of health*.

[(33)] (31) *House numbers*. To regulate the numbering of houses and lots and to compel owners to renumber [the same] *them*, or in default thereof to authorize and require the [same] *work* to be done by the town at the owner's expense, such expense to constitute a lien upon the property collectible as tax monies.