

(6) *To enter into any building or property in any urban renewal area in order to make inspections, surveys, appraisals, soundings or test borings, and to obtain an order for this purpose from the Circuit Court for the county in which the municipality is situated in the event entry is denied or resisted;*

(7) *To plan, replan, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, close or vacate streets, roads, sidewalks, public utilities, park playgrounds, and other public improvements in connection with an urban renewal project; provided the same shall be approved by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and to make exceptions from city or town building regulations, but not county building regulations, unless the same shall be approved by the county building inspector;*

(8) *To generally organize, coordinate and direct the administration of the provisions of this article as they apply to such municipality in order that the objectives of remedying slum and blighted areas and preventing the causes thereof within such municipality may be most effectively promoted and achieved;*

(9) *To exercise all or any part or combination of powers herein granted.*

68-22. *Establishment of agency*

The municipality may itself exercise all the powers granted by this article or may, if its legislative body by ordinance determines such action to be in the public interest, elect to have such powers exercised by a separate public body or agency as hereinafter provided. In the event said legislative body makes such determination, it shall proceed by ordinance to establish a public body or agency to undertake in the municipality the activities authorized by this article. Such ordinance shall include provisions establishing the number of members of such body or agency, the manner of their appointment or removal, the terms of said members and their compensation. The ordinance may include such additional provisions relating to the organization of such public body or agency as may be necessary. In the event the legislative body or agency acts under such an ordinance, all of the powers by this subheading granted to the municipality shall, from the effective date of said ordinance, be vested in the public body or agency thereby established, except:

(1) *The power to pass a resolution to initiate an urban renewal project pursuant to Section 68-23 of this Charter.*

(2) *The power to issue general obligation bonds pursuant to Section 68-22 of this Charter.*

(3) *The power to appropriate funds, and to levy taxes and assessments pursuant to Section 68-21 item 3 of this Charter.*

68-23. *Initiation of project*

In order to initiate an urban renewal project, the legislative body of the municipality shall adopt a resolution which:

(1) *Finds that one or more slum or blighted areas exist in such municipality.*

(2) *Locates and defines the said slum or blighted areas;*