

EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS, OR IN THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THEIR ISSUANCE.

53-0 PREVIOUS ISSUES. ALL BOND, NOTES OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS VALIDLY ISSUED BY THE TOWN PREVIOUS TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHARTER AND ALL ORDINANCES PASSED CONCERNING THEM ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE VALID, LEGAL, AND BINDING AND FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF HEREIN FULLY SET FORTH.

54-0 PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS. ALL PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS FOR THE TOWN GOVERNMENT SHALL BE MADE BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND CONTRACTS FOR ALL TOWN PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS. ALL EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OR CONTRACTUAL SERVICE INVOLVING MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) SHALL BE MADE ON WRITTEN CONTRACTS, EXCEPT EMERGENCY PURCHASES AND THOSE INVOLVING SERVICES OR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT OF A NON-COMPETITIVE NATURE AS MAY BE DEFINED BY ORDINANCE. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAY ENACT FURTHER LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS, IN SUCH MANNER AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY ORDINANCE, FOR ALL SUCH WRITTEN CONTRACTS. SUCH WRITTEN CONTRACTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE BIDDER WHO OFFERS THE LOWEST OR BEST BID, QUALITY OF GOODS AND WORK, TIME OF DELIVERY OR COMPLETION, AND RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDERS BEING CONSIDERED. ALL SUCH WRITTEN CONTRACTS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BEFORE BECOMING EFFECTIVE. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND READVERTISE. THE TOWN AT ANY TIME IN ITS DISCRETION MAY EMPLOY ITS OWN FORCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR (OR READVERTISING FOR) OR RECEIVING BIDS. ALL WRITTEN CONTRACTS MAY BE PROTECTED BY SUCH BONDS, PENALTIES, AND CONDITIONS AS THE TOWN MAY REQUIRE.

55-0 PERSONNEL - CLERK TO THE TOWN. THE CLERK-TREASURER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND SERVE AS CLERK TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. HE (SHE) SHALL ATTEND EVERY MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND KEEP FULL AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. HE/SHE SHALL KEEP SUCH RECORDS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THIS CHARTER OR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

56-0 TOWN ATTORNEY. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAY APPOINT A TOWN ATTORNEY. THE TOWN ATTORNEY SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE BAR OF THE MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS. THE TOWN ATTORNEY SHALL BE THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE TOWN AND SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES ON THIS CONNECTION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. HIS COMPENSATION