

(23) **ENFORCEMENT** - To appoint an enforcement officer to oversee the enforcement of city ordinances in force.

(24) **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL** - To provide for the control and regulation of erosion and sediment in connection with all construction and grading within the city.

(25) **EXPLOSIVES AND COMBUSTIBLES** - To regulate or prevent the storage of gunpowder, oil, or any other explosive or combustible matter; to regulate or prevent the use of firearms, fireworks, bonfires, explosives, or any other similar things which may endanger persons or property.

(26) **FILTH** - To compel the occupant of any premises, building, or outhouse situated in the town, if it has become filthy or unwholesome, to abate or cleanse the condition; and after reasonable notice to the owners or occupants to authorize such work to be done by the proper officers and to assess the expense thereof against the property, making it collectible by taxes or against the occupant or occupants.

(27) **FINANCES** - To levy, assess, and collect ad valorem property taxes; to levy, assess, and collect amusement taxes; to expend municipal funds for any public purpose; to prepare, publicize and adopt a budget, to amend said budget; to establish and maintain an operating reserve fund; to engage in tax anticipation borrowing when necessary consistent with Section 16 of this chapter; to allow specific tax credits; to have general management and control of the finances of the city.

(28) **FIRE** - To suppress fires and prevent the dangers thereof and to establish and maintain a fire department; to contribute 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 fireplugs where and as necessary, and to regulate their use; to provide for a city fire code; and to take all other measures necessary to control and prevent fires in the town.

(29) **FOOD** - To inspect and to require the condemnation of, if unwholesome, and to regulate the sale of, any food products.

(30) **FRANCHISES** - To grant and regulate franchises to water companies, electric light companies, gas companies, taxicab companies, and any others which may be deemed advantageous and beneficial to the town, subject 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.

(31) **GARBAGE AND TRASH** - 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; to provide for the proper disposal of such material, including the provision of pick up service within the city, by city employees or by contractors.

(32) **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 funds for any lawful purpose, agreeable to the conditions under which the gifts or grants were made; to expend money necessary to the applications and qualifications for such grants.