Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

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The legislative body of every incorporated municipality in this State, except Baltimore City, by whatever name known, shall have general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the public general or public local laws and the Constitution of Maryland as they may deem necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; but nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize the legislative body of any incorporated municipality to pass any ordinance which is inconsistent or in conflict with any ordinance, rule or regulation passed, ordained or adopted by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and nothing in this article shall be taken or construed to affect, change, modify, limit or restrict in any manner any of the corporate powers of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore which it now has or which hereafter may be granted to it.

In addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been, or may hereafter be, granted to it, such legislative body also shall have the following express ordinance-making powers:

(13) To grant franchises as provided under existing public general or public local laws: TO-GRANT-ONE OR-MORE-FRANCHISES-WHICH-MAY-BE-EXCLUSIVE-IN-MATURE, --FOR--A COMMUNITY--ANTENNA-SYSTEM-OR-OTHER-CABLE-TELEVISION-SYSTEM, TO-ESTABLISH-RATES-AND-RESULATE-SERVICES, --TO--IMPOSE FRANCHISE-FES, --AND-TO-ESTABLISH-OTHER-RULES-TO-GOVERN-THE OPERATION-OF-THE-FRANCHISES. TO GRANT ONE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISES FOR A COMMUNITY ANTENNA SYSTEM OR OTHER CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM THAT UTILIZES ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, HIGHWAY, STREET, ROAD, LANE, ALLEY, OR BRIDGE, TO IMPOSE FRANCHISE FEES, AND TO ESTABLISH RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR FRANCHISES GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

Article 25 - County Commissioners

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(a) The-county-commissioners-of-each-county--in--this State--shall--have--the--power--to--grant--to--any-person-[a franchise]-ONE-OR-MORE-FRANCHISES-WHICH-MAY-BE-EXCLUSIVE--IN NATURE--for--a--community-antenna-television-system-OR-OTHER CABLE--TELEVISION--SYSTEM,--provided--that--nothing NOTHING herein contained shall be construed to authorize or empower