

fusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal of an alderman, out of the taxable limits of the town, the board of aldermen, and the common council, for the time being, shall proceed to elect by joint ballot, an alderman to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term; and in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal out of the taxable limits of the town, of a member of the common council, an election shall be made by the voters of the ward wherein the vacancy happened, to fill the vacancy.

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9. AND BE IT ENACTED, The aldermen and common council shall hold their first session at the court-house in Frederick, or at some other place within said town, on the third Monday in March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, and they shall meet on the third Monday in March in every year thereafter, but the mayor may summon them to convene whenever, and as often as it may appear to him that the interest of the corporation may require their deliberation; a majority of the aldermen and common council shall be a quorum to do business in their respective branches, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day; they may compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as they may by ordinance provide; each branch shall appoint their respective presidents, who shall preside at their sessions, and shall vote on all questions; they shall settle their rules of proceedings, appoint their own officers, and remove them at pleasure; they shall judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of their own members, and may with the concurrence of three-fourths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behaviour, or malconduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolve, or ordinance, at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public.

Meetings, when to be held.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aldermen and common council shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve the health of the town; prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within the town, and within three miles of the same; to establish night watches or patrols, and erect lamps; to establish new streets, lanes and alleys, with the consent of three-fourths of the proprietors of the lots or houses adjoining such streets, lanes and alleys; to erect and repair bridges; to pave and keep in repair all necessary drains and sewers, and to pass all regulations necessary for the preservation of the same; to regulate and fix the assize of bread; to provide for the appointment, and define the duties of market-masters, gaugers, wood-corders, hay-weighers and inspectors; to provide for the safe keeping and preservation of the standard of weights and measures fixed by congress, or by an act of the state of Maryland, and for the regulating thereby all weights and measures used within the town; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to erect and regulate markets; to provide for licensing and regulating the sweeping or burning of chimneys, and fixing the rates thereof, within the town, and for regulating the sweeping of any chimney, by the neglect of which the safety of the town may be endangered, and to ascertain the size of those to be built in the town; to establish and regulate fire-wards and fire companies; to regulate and establish the size of bricks that are to be

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