

carry out the provisions of this subtitle, or any ordinance passed in pursuance thereof, as it shall think proper, and prescribe their compensation, and all such officers shall be appointed in the same manner provided in Section 835 of this subtitle; to grant franchises to electric, telegraph and telephone companies, water companies, and any other public or quasi-public corporation, provided the ordinance or contract granting such franchise shall specifically set out the nature and character of the same, and no power or right not expressed in the franchise or grant shall pass thereunder; to regulate the disposal of garbage and refuse of all kinds; to provide for the regulation, location and erection of slaughter houses; to light the public places of the town, and may furnish light to the inhabitants thereof, or to contract with any person, firm or corporation, for the lighting of the town, either with gas, electricity or such other means as it shall think proper, provided no such contract shall be for a longer period than ten years to contract with any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of supplying said town with water, for fire protection, or for any other municipal purpose, provided no such contract shall be for a longer period than ten years, and may levy and collect special taxes upon all telegraph, telephone, electric light and trolley poles or posts erected and maintained within the limits of the corporation; to pass all by-laws, ordinances, resolutions and motions for such municipal purposes as in its judgment, may be beneficial to said corporation; and for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid powers, and for the preservation of the cleanliness, health, peace and good order of the community and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens, and for the violation of any ordinance or any section of any ordinance passed under the provisions of this section, or by authority thereof, it may impose such reasonable fines, not exceeding twenty dollars in any case as to it may seem proper, and in default of the payment of any fine imposed, it may provide for the imprisonment of the offender for a period not exceeding thirty days in the jail of Frederick County, or until the fine be paid.

1914, ch. 237, sec. 14. 1918 Code, sec. 809.

839. The Burgess, by virtue of his office, shall have and exercise, within the limits of the corporation, all jurisdictions and powers of a justice of the peace, except as to civil cases and the acknowledgment of deeds, he shall see that all laws and ordinances of the corporation are fully and faithfully executed and enforced, and may call upon any officer of the town, entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money, for a statement of his account, as often as he may think necessary; he shall be responsible for the good order and efficient government of the town, and shall, by virtue of the power and authority of his office, hear and decide any violations of the laws and ordinances of the corporation, and shall impose such fines and penalties as they prescribe, and shall keep a docket on which all such cases coming before him shall be entered, which shall state the name of the party charged, the offense charged, how tried and the judgment rendered, setting out the fine, if any imposed, and the cost