

may have and use a common seal, and possess such other incidents and powers as attach by law to a municipal corporation, and may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property for the benefit of said corporation; provided, however, that the mayor and council shall not purchase or acquire any real estate, unless the said mayor and council shall first provide by ordinance for said purchase, and the mode and manner of payment therefor; and all ordinances for the purchase of real estate shall provide for submitting the question of said purchase to the qualified voters of the town at some regular election for the election of councilmen of said town; and before any such ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the town, at least four weeks' public notice shall be given, by publication in one or more newspapers of the town, of an intention to submit said ordinance to the qualified voters of the town; and said notice shall set forth the ordinance in full, and the mode and manner of payment proposed; and no ordinance for the purchase of real estate shall be of any force or validity unless it shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 153. 1884, ch. 58.

228. The government of said town shall be vested in a mayor and five councilmen, to be elected as hereinafter provided. No person elected and qualified as mayor or councilman, or any person holding any office by election, appointment or otherwise, under the provisions of this sub-title of this article, or by virtue thereof, shall, during the term of his office, be interested directly or indirectly in any contract in which the town is a party or is interested; nor shall any such person, while holding such office, be directly or indirectly engaged in furnishing work, labor or materials for said town; and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be proceeded against by indictment in the circuit court for Washington county, and upon conviction, be fined and imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 154. 1884, ch. 58. 1914, ch. 257, sec. 154.

229. The taxable limits of the City of Hagerstown are declared to be as follows: Beginning at a stone in the north marginal line of the County Road leading from the Hagerstown-Leitersburg Turnpike to Fiddlersburg, said stake being 1,850 feet east of the east marginal line of said Turnpike, and running thence, in a northwesternly direction, with the same bearing as that of the aforesaid north marginal line of the said County Road 11,500 feet, thence, at right angles to the first line, and running in a southwesternly direction, 16,000 feet, thence at right angles to the second line and running in a southeasternly direction 11,500 feet, thence, at right angles to the third line, and running in a northeasternly direction 16,000 feet to the point of beginning. Provided, however, that for developmental, drainage, sewerage, sanitary and police purposes the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown shall have and exercise full power and control for a distance of one mile in every direction from said corporate limits.