

cleanliness, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of said town, and for the suppression, abatement and discontinuance of nuisances within the limits of said town; and for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing powers the Mayor and Council may pass any and all ordinances and by-laws from time to time deemed necessary, and may enforce and insure the observance of such by-laws or ordinances in addition to the usual action of debt or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery of fees, fines and penalties thereto affixed; they may affix thereto reasonable penalties for default of payment of any fine and cost imposed for a violation of any ordinance or by-laws; they may provide for the imprisonment of the offender for a period not to exceed thirty days in the town lock up or the county jail, or for his commitment to the custody of the policeman under sentence of hard labor upon the streets of the town, not to exceed ten days. And whenever in any such ordinance or by-laws a fine or penalty is imposed for the doing of any act forbidden to be done by such ordinance or for omitting to do any act required to be done by such ordinance, the doing of such act in the first case or the omission to do such act in the second case, shall be deemed to be a criminal offense; and all such offenses shall be prosecuted by the arrest of the offender and by holding him to bail to appear in or committing him for trial in the Circuit Court for Worcester County, unless upon being brought before a justice of the peace, and having been informed of his right to a jury trial, as elsewhere provided in this Charter, he shall waive said right, and elect to be tried before a justice of the peace; and if any person shall be adjudged guilty of any such offense under any ordinance or by-law passed in pursuance of the powers hereby given or any of them, by the Circuit Court aforesaid or by a justice of the peace, the person so found guilty shall be sentenced to pay the fine or penalty prescribed by the said ordinance or by-law, and also the costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof the person so found guilty shall be committed to jail for the length of time required by said ordinance or by-laws, not to exceed the thirty days' limit above provided; and in case the said ordinance or by-laws sets no length of time for the offender to stand committed in default of the payment of said fine or penalty, then said offender shall be committed to jail until discharged by due course of law. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Mayor or Council from providing in any or all of the ordinances or by-laws passed by them that violations of said ordinance or ordinances, by-law or by-laws, shall not be criminal offense, or that the fine or penalty imposed for violation thereof shall be enforced by civil action only; provided, such intention is clearly expressed. Any violation of any provision under and belonging to the sub-title of Pocomoke, as sub-title to Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Worcester County," including all violations of any of the provisions of this Act or Charter and also all violations of any ordinance passed or to be passed by the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City, except such ordinances as shall by their terms be enforceable by civil