

and benefit of said corporation, and shall have the power to establish a public system of parks, public squares and playgrounds for the recreation, interest and amusement of its citizens, and may convey and dispose of the same or any part thereof, and to receive property by gift, devise or deed in trust for any municipal object.

SEC. 43. This Act shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of the passage of this Act, nor shall this Act in any manner affect the title to any real or personal property now held or owned by Commissioners of Ridgely, but title to such property shall continue in Commissioners of Ridgely, in the same manner and to the same intent as though this Act had not been passed, nor shall this Act impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatever now existing. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending, or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this Act, shall be instituted, proceeded with and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this Act had not been passed. No tax levied or any proceeding taken for the collection of any such tax or the enforcement of the payment of the same before the passage of this Act shall in any manner be affected by the passage of this Act, and the mode of procedure in any such matter shall be the same as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 44. All laws now in force relating or applicable to the Commissioners of Ridgely and not included in this Act and not inconsistent with this Act, and all ordinances of the Commissioners of Ridgely now in force and not inconsistent with this Act, are hereby continued in as full force and virtue as if the Commissioners of Ridgely were named therein until changed or repealed, respectively, by the General Assembly of Maryland or by the Commissioners of Ridgely.

SEC. 45. All officers provided for or named in the Charter of Ridgely or any amendments thereto, as it now stands before the passage of this Act, whether by election or appointment, shall continue to hold, exercise and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors shall be duly qualified, and nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to interfere with the continuity of the terms of tenure of said officers; nor shall a reappointment or re-election of any of said officers be necessary in order to secure the said continuity of their said terms and tenures of office, unless otherwise provided in this Act.