

streets, and the straightening, widening and improving the same, and for such purposes they shall have full power of condemnation to be exercised in accordance with the public general laws of Maryland. They may provide by ordinance for the establishment of the width and grade of streets and sidewalks, and the construction of the same, and the assessment of the cost, or a part of the cost thereof, against the abutting property, which cost may be made a lien against the said property when and as they may direct, and may be collected as taxes are collected. They may provide by ordinance for the setting out of shade trees, the trimming and removal of trees, vines or shrubbery on or along streets or sidewalks, and for the removal of any obstructions in the streets, sidewalks, lanes or alleys. They may by ordinance provide for licensing of amusements, public exhibitions and all other businesses upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem proper. They shall have power to prevent and remove all public nuisances and obstructions from the streets, alleys, and lanes, and from property adjoining the same; to restrain and punish all disorders, disturbances and drunkenness therein; to suppress bawdy houses or other places of public ill-fame, or places injurious to peace and good order; to prevent the use of guns, cannons, pistols, rifles, air rifles, slingshots, firecrackers or other firearms or explosives therein; to suppress fires and to prevent the danger thereof by all reasonable regulations and precautions; to establish and maintain a fire department or contribute to the Volunteer Fire Department as provided for in Chapter 139 of the Acts of Assembly of 1929. They may by ordinance establish building lines and building regulations. They may regulate the erection, alteration and repair of all buildings and grant permits therefor, specifying the material of which the same may be built and the purpose for which same may be used; they shall have power to restrict the erection of wooden buildings or wooden additions to buildings in certain sections of the town, when in the judgment of the Mayor and Common Council such restrictions shall become prudent or necessary; to prevent and to regulate the keeping and storing of gunpowder, oil or other explosive or combustible material in such places and under such conditions as may appear proper; to provide for the regulating or restraining of all public exhibitions or amusements and to regulate the erection of buildings therefor, and the maintenance of safe exits therefrom; to prevent the throwing or allowing the accu-