

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

-17.55.Parks and recreation - To establish and maintain public parks, gardens, playgrounds and other recreational facilities and programs to promote the health, welfare and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the Town.

-17.56.Pensions - To provide a retirement or pension system or a group insurance plan for its officers or employees or for including its officers and employees in any retirement or pension system operated by or in conjunction with the State, on such terms and conditions as State laws may prescribe.

-17.57.Police Force - To establish, operate or maintain a police force. To enter into contract with State, County or any other agencies available and qualified to render such police service to the Town.

A. Emergency Police Force - To provide for additional police and equipment in cases of emergency affecting the health, welfare and happiness of the citizens of the Town.

-17.58.Police powers - To enforce the laws of the State of Maryland and the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Riverdale. To prohibit, suppress within the Town all vice, gambling and games of chance not operated under the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, prostitution and solicitation therefor and the keeping of bawdy houses and houses of ill repute; tramps and vagrants; all disorders; disturbances, annoyances, disorderly conduct, obscenity, public profanity, drunkenness, drug addiction and impersonation of a police officer.

-17.59.Property - To acquire by conveyance, purchase or condemnation real or leasehold property needed for any public purpose; to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the town; and to sell at public or private sale after twenty days' public notice and to convey to the purchaser or purchasers thereof any real or leasehold property belonging to the town when such legislative body determines that the same is no longer needed for any public use.

To take by gift, grant, bequest, or devise and to hold real and personal property absolutely or in trust for parks or gardens, or for the erection of statues, monuments, buildings or structures, or for any public use, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the grantor or donor, and accepted by the town; to provide for the proper administration of the same; and to convey the same when such legislative body determines that it is no longer needed for public purposes, subject to the terms and conditions of the original grant.