

(l) *Food.* To inspect and require the condemnation, if unwholesome, and to regulate the sale of meats, poultry, fish, butter, oleomargarine, cheese, lard, vegetables, and all other food products.

(m) *Franchises.* To grant and regulate franchises to ~~electric light and/or gas companies, telegraph companies,~~ transit companies, water companies, sewer or drain companies, taxicab companies, and any others which may be deemed advantageous and beneficial to the city; to fix and to regulate the charges for service whenever the public interest may be deemed to require it. The city, notwithstanding anything that may be set out in any such franchise or grant, shall not have the power to divest itself of the right to regulate and control the use of the rights under any franchise which has been or which may be granted by it. All such franchises shall be for a definite term of years not to exceed twenty-five, shall be renewable at the discretion of the city, and shall specifically set out the nature, right, and duration of same; and no power or right not expressed in the franchise or grant shall pass hereunder. For any franchise, easement, or privilege hereafter granted, the city may charge for such franchise, easement, or privilege when granted, and may charge an annual rental upon any franchise, easement, or privilege for using the streets, highways, and sidewalks of the city which has been or may be granted by it.

(n) *Garbage.* To require, regulate, and/or provide for the collection and removal of filth, garbage, or any matter or thing that is or may become injurious to the health or comfort of the inhabitants of the City of Frederick, and to contract for the collection and removal of same, or to have same removed or any nuisance abated by the city; to provide whether the expense, if any, shall be borne by individual property owners or tenants or shall be paid for in whole or in part by the city.

(o) *Grants-in-Aid.* To accept gifts and grants of federal or state funds from the federal or state governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the same for any lawful public purpose, agreeable to the conditions under which the gift or grant was made.

(p) *Hawkers.* To regulate and provide for the issuing of licenses or permits for hawking, peddling, and vending of wares and merchandise of every description upon the public ways of the city, and to regulate and provide for the issuing of licenses or permits to all persons who may