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### ARTICLE IV - GENERAL POWERS



#### Section 1. - Powers of Council Enumerated.



- a. The Council shall have the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or this Charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the City; for the protection and preservation of the City's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare and happiness of the residents of the City and visitors thereto and sojourners therein.
- b. The Council shall have, in addition, the power to pass ordinances not contrary to the laws and Constitution of this State, for the following specific purposes:

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*Parking meters*—To install parking meters on the streets and public places of the City in such places as it shall by ordinance determine, and by ordinance to prescribe rates and provisions for the use thereof, except that the installation of parking meters on any street or road maintained by the State must first be approved by the State.

- (48) *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 City.
- (49) *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.
- (50) *Police force*—To establish, operate and maintain a police force. All City police officers shall, within the municipality, have the powers and authority of constables in this State.
- (51) *Police powers*—To prohibit, suppress, and punish within the City all vice, gambling, and games of chance; prostitution and solicitation therefor and the keeping of bawdy houses and houses of ill fame; all tramps and vagrants; all disorder, disturbances, annoyances, disorderly conduct, obscenity, public profanity, and drunkenness.
- (52) *Property*—To acquire by conveyance, purchase or gift, real or leasable property for any public purpose; to erect buildings and structures thereon for the benefit of the City and its inhabitants; and to convey any real or leasehold property when no longer needed for the public use, after having given at least twenty (20) days' public notice of the proposed conveyance; to control, protect and maintain public buildings, grounds and property of the City.
- (53) *Quarantine*—To establish quarantine regulations in the interest of the public health.
- (54) *Regulations*—To adopt by ordinance and enforce within the corporate limits police, health, sanitary, fire, building, plumbing, traffic, speed, parking, and other similar regulations not in conflict with the laws of the State of Maryland or with this Charter.
- (55) *Salaries*—To fix the salary or compensation of all municipal officers and employees.
- (56) *Seal*—To make, have and use, and from time to time, alter, a common seal.
- (57) *Sidewalks*—To regulate the use of sidewalks and all structures in, under or above the same; to require the owner or occupant of premises to keep the sidewalks in front thereof free from snow, ice, or other obstructions; to prescribe hours for cleaning the sidewalk.
- (58) *Special elections*—To provide for special elections for municipal purposes, at such times and places as may be determined, and subject to the provisions of this Charter.