

matter or thing done, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, such action or suit shall be brought within four calendar months next after the fact committed, and not afterwards.

53. It shall be lawful for the said Town Council to order the Inspector of the said Town to notify any parties who shall have made or shall hereafter make encroachments upon the streets or public squares of the said Town, by means of houses, fences, buildings or obstructions of any kind, to cause the removal of such encroachments or obstructions, by giving to such persons a reasonable delay for the purpose, which delay shall be specified by the said Town Inspector in giving his notice; and if such person shall not have removed such encroachments or obstructions within the delay specified, the Council may order the said Inspector to remove such encroachments or obstructions, taking with him the assistance necessary for that purpose; and the said Council may allow to the said Inspector his reasonable expenses, and recover the same before any Court having competent jurisdiction, from any person making such encroachment or obstruction. 5

54. From and after the passing of this Act, every proprietor or agent who shall wilfully grant a certificate or receipt, setting forth a less sum than the rent really paid or payable for the premises therein mentioned or referred to, and every tenant who shall present to the assessors of the said Town, such a receipt or certificate, falsely representing the value of the rent paid by such tenant, in order to procure a diminution or abatement of his assessment, or who shall directly or indirectly deceive the said assessors as to the amount of such rent, shall be liable, on conviction thereof, before the Mayor or a Justice of the Peace, to a penalty of twenty dollars currency or less, or to imprisonment during one calendar month or less, according to the Judgment of such Mayor or Justice of the Peace. 10

55. It shall be lawful for the said Council, whenever any house shall encroach upon any of the streets or public squares of the said Town, to prevent the proprietor of such house from rebuilding on the site occupied by the demolished house, and it shall be lawful for the Council to purchase any part of such lot encroaching upon any street, or to require the proprietor of such land to dispossess himself thereof, in consideration of an indemnity therefor, and such indemnity shall be fixed by arbitrators appointed respectively by the said Council, and by the party they are desirous of dispossessing; and the said arbitrators, in case of difference of opinion, shall appoint a third; and the said arbitrators, after having been sworn by a Justice of the Peace, shall take cognizance of the matter in dispute, and after visiting the place in question, shall decide upon the amount of indemnity to be granted to such proprietor; and the said arbitrators shall be authorized to decide which of the parties shall pay the costs of arbitration. 25

56. The said Council shall have full power to purchase and acquire out of the revenues of the said Town, all such lots, lands, and real property whatsoever, within the said Town, as they shall deem necessary for the opening or enlargement of any street, public square, or market-place, or the erection of any public building, or generally for any object of public utility of a Municipal nature. 40

57. When the proprietor of a lot, which the said Council shall be desirous of purchasing, for any object of public utility of a Municipal nature, shall refuse to sell the same by private agreement, or in case such 45