Authority to require all wires to be placed underground.

SEC. 10. And be it further ordained, That the said Electrical Commission be and it is hereby empowered and directed to require all wires to be removed from above the streets (no wires being allowed to cross over any street, lane or alley from house to house) and placed underground in said conduits (the trolley wires of the street railway companies excepted) in such streets or districts and at such times and in such manner and on such notice as may be prescribed by the said Electrical Commission; and further, to use such drastic or summary methods as may in the judgment of said Electrical Commission become expedient or necessary to fulfill the requirements of the laws and ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which have been or which may hereafter be passed, requiring telegraph, telephone, electric light, feed and other (except trolley) wires to be placed underground.

Authority to rent space.

SEC. 11. And be it further ordained, That when said conduits, or any part thereof shall have been completed and made ready for occupancy, and the rate of rental thereof shall have been fixed and established as heretofore provided, the said Electrical Commission is hereby authorized and directed to rent space in the said municipal conduits to any applicant who shall comply with the conditions prescribed by this ordinance and such further conditions as may be specified by the said Electrical Commission; provided, however, that said applicant shall place in the said space wires and cables within six months from the time application for said space is granted by said Electrical Commission.

Proviso.

$1,000,000 appropriated.

SEC. 12. And be it furrher ordained, That the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying this ordinance into effect, to be provided for and taken from the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) in bonds, the sale of which bonds was authorized by Ordinance No. 120, approved July 25, 1896, in pursuance of the Act of Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 350, of the Acts of 1896 and the vote of the people thereon; and the Commissioners of Finance are hereby directed to sell from time to time, as may be requisite, bonds for this purpose, and pay the proceeds to the City Register, to be applied on warrant of the Comptroller to the above-named purpose and to no other purpose.

SEC. 13. And be it further ordained, That the Comptroller shall draw no warrants on the said appropriation unless ordered so to do by ordinance or upon the presentation of a voucher signed by the Engineer and approved by the Chairman of the Electrical Commission.

SEC. 14. And be it further ordained, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. And be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved August 25, 1898.

WM. T. MALSTER, *Mayor.*