

in the preceding lists. This list shall be known as the "Estimates for Annual Appropriations." The purpose and object of this provision is that said three lists shall embrace all moneys to be expended for the next ensuing fiscal year for all purposes by the city. After said three lists have been prepared, the Board of Estimates shall cause to be prepared a draft of an ordinance to be submitted to the City Council providing appropriations sufficient to meet the amounts called for by said three lists, and the said Board shall cause a copy of said proposed ordinance, certified by the signatures of a majority of them, to be forthwith published in two daily newspapers in Baltimore City, for two successive days, and shall, immediately after said publication, transmit a copy of the draft of the said proposed ordinance to the President of each Branch of the City Council, whereupon a special meeting of the City Council shall be forthwith called by the Mayor to consider such proposed ordinance. It shall be the duty of the two Branches of the City Council, when so assembled, to consider and investigate the estimates contained in said proposed ordinance, and to hold daily sessions for its consideration until said ordinance is passed. The two Branches of the City Council, by a majority vote of all the members elected to each Branch, may reduce the said amounts fixed by the said Board in said proposed ordinance, except such items thereof as are now or may hereafter be fixed by law, and except such items as may be inserted by said Board to pay State taxes, and to pay the interest and principal of the municipal debt. The City Council shall not have the power to increase the amounts fixed by the Board nor insert new items in the proposed ordinance. When said proposed ordinance, embracing said estimates, shall have been duly passed by both Branches of the City Council and approved by the Mayor, it shall be known as the "Ordinance of Estimates for the year —," and said several sums shall be and become appropriated, after the beginning of the next ensuing fiscal year, for the several purposes therein named, to be used by the City Council, departments, sub-departments, municipal officers not embraced in a department, and special commission or boards therein named, and for no other purposes or uses whatever. The City Council shall not have the power, by any other or subsequent ordinance or resolution, to enlarge any item contained in said ordinance after the same is duly passed, nor shall the City Council, by any subsequent ordinance or otherwise, appropriate any sums of money to be used for the next ensuing fiscal year, for any of the purposes embraced in said Ordinance of Estimates. No ap-

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