

ment from the time of passage of the ordinance required in subdivision two of this Section; provided, that if the proceedings are discontinued for any reason the lien of such assessment shall be void ab initio. Such assessments may be collected as taxes are collected or by action of law.

(15) Upon payment, or tender and deposit in proper case, of all damages awarded, the title to the lands condemned shall pass to the Mayor and Council of Salisbury to have and to hold as other lands are held for public purposes.

(16) If the Council shall fail to determine to proceed with the proposed improvement within the six months mentioned in sub-division (12) of this Section, then the proceedings shall be null and void ab initio. But if the Council shall determine to proceed with the proposed improvement within the said time, then the proceedings shall be valid and binding, in spite of irregularities, defects and errors therein, upon all persons and corporations mentioned in the notice required by sub-division nine of this Section, who have not filed an appeal as provided in sub-division eleven of this Section and upon all property of such persons or corporation damaged, taken or benefited by virtue of such proceedings, it being the intention of this sub-division to cure all defects in such proceedings as to all persons and corporations except appellants, mentioned in the said notice and as against all attack except by appeal as provided, and in case the proceedings shall be held invalid as to an appellant they shall not be considered as invalid except as to that appellant; provided, that whenever any proceedings shall be held invalid as to any person, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, shall, as soon after such holding as conveniently as may be, proceed to institute, as to such persons, new proceedings, or to do whatever else may be necessary, for the purpose of properly and fully carrying into effect the plan of the improvements as laid out in the ordinance required by sub-division two of this Section.

(17) In lieu of the provisions for the condemnation of property, as set forth in the preceding sub-divisions of this Section, the proceedings instituted by the Mayor and Council of Salisbury for the condemnation of property may be as provided by Article 33-A, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, regulating the procedure for the acquisition of property for public use by condemnation, and all the rights, powers and privileges conferred by said Article relating to the condemnation of property for public use, are hereby expressly conferred upon and vested in the Mayor and Council of Salisbury.

At any time after ten days following the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceeding, or at any time after ten days following the judgment in case an appeal is taken under sub-division eleven hereof, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; at the time of said payment, however, it shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appeal or further proceedings.