

property and collect from the owners thereof the cost of roadways, alleys, curbs, sidewalks and gutters, the assessment being in proportion to the number of assessable front feet owned, abutting on the streets where same are constructed or are about to be constructed; provided that when property fronts or abuts on two or more streets, where such improvements are made, or about to be made, the abutting front feet shall be computed for the purpose of assessment hereunder as one-half of the total front feet abutting on said improvements.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That such assessments when made, shall constitute a tax or lien upon such abutting property with priority over all liens recorded after the passage of this Act, and shall be payable in ten equal annual installments from the date of said assessment, said installments to bear interest at a rate not to exceed six per centum per annum, and any assessment or part thereof remaining due and unpaid shall be enforced and collected by the Cottage City Commission in the same manner as town taxes are collected, provided the Cottage City Commission shall give two weeks' notice to the owners of all abutting property, by advertisement, published at least once a week in one or more newspapers published in Prince George's County, Maryland, which has a circulation in Cottage City, which advertising shall state the date on which such assessment shall be made and warning all abutting property owners to appear at the time and place stated in said advertisement or notice, to show cause, if any there be, why said assessment should not be made as proposed. Any person aggrieved by the action of the Cottage City Commission shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, provided such appeal is taken within ten days next succeeding the day on which said assessment is made.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the Cottage City Commission shall not construct or improve roadways, alleys, curbs, sidewalks and gutters under this Act unless and until the owners of fifty-one per centum (51%) of the property abutting streets where such improvements are proposed shall petition the said Cottage City Commission to that effect, but the Cottage City Commission shall have the discretion and final determination as to the construction of all said work, notwithstanding such petition.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall not become effective until the same shall be sub-