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be cancelled immediately after a sufficient amount of taxes have been collected to do so; such payment, however, must in no wise interfere with the satisfaction of interest-payments on any bond that may have or hereafter be issued by the town.

CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES.

Codification of ordinances. Sec. 188. Said Mayor and Common Council may provide by ordinance for the codification of all ordinances which have been or may hereafter be passed by it, and for the printing of such codification thereof; and the printed copy thereof issued by authority and under the sanction of said body shall be legal evidence of the passage of said ordinance and the contents thereof in any court of law or equity in this State.

LAYING OUT, OPENING AND EXTENDING STREETS.

Laying out, opening and extending streets. Sec. 189. The Mayor and Common Council shall have power to provide for the laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or relocating of any street or alley, or parts thereof within the city, which, in their opinion, the public welfare or convenience may require to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in value of damage will be caused thereby, for which the owner or possessor of any property through which said street or alleyway may pass ought to be compensated by the appointment of commissioners to assess the same; to provide for assessing and levying, either generally on the whole, assessable property within the city, or especially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the damages and expenses which will be incurred in laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening or relocating such street or alley, or parts thereof, and grading the same; to provide for collecting and paying the compensation awarded to any person before any such street or alley, or part thereof, shall be laid out or opened, extended, widened, straightened or relocated, and to enact all ordinances, from time to time, necessary or proper to the exercise of the powers granted in this section; provided that before they shall proceed to execute any of the powers vested in them by this section, at least thirty days' notice shall be given of any application which may be made for the passage of any such ordinances by posters put up in at least five of the most public places; and, provided further, that upon the return of any assessment of damages or benefits, or both, made under any ordinances passed under this section, the clerk of said town shall cause a copy thereof to be published once a week, for four successive weeks, in one news-