

require, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office of clerk and bailiff, and the Mayor and Common Council may remove the clerk at pleasure.

18. The Mayor and Common Council may pass ordinances forbidding any person from carrying fire arms or other concealed weapons, and such other ordinances not contrary to law, as they may deem proper and beneficial to the town; may restrain and remove nuisances; may open and close streets; straighten and widen the same and improve the same; make causeways, establish the width and grade of sidewalks and pave and set out shade trees thereon; and all damages done, suffered or incurred by opening, closing, straightening or widening said streets or alleys, and any benefits or advantages accruing to any person by such opening shall be assessed and determined by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, to be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council, who shall, within twenty days after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace of said town that they will faithfully, fairly and without partiality or prejudice value and assess the loss and damage to be incurred and suffered by and the benefits to accrue to any person interested in the property over which the streets or alleys are to be opened, closed, straightened or widened, and they shall give at least ten days' notice, by notice inserted in at least one and not more than two newspapers published in said town, if there be such a paper or papers published, and if not so published then by notice posted in three public places in said town, of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of executing their commission; and they shall within ten days after such valuation or assessment return the same in writing, under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualification, before a justice of the peace, as hereinbefore provided, to the Mayor and Common Council of the town, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by them as in their judgment may seem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the Mayor and Common Council in ratifying or rejecting said award or return or in the amount of compensation awarded, or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal within sixty days after said ratification or rejection to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County; and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury, and the judgment of said court shall be final between the parties; provided, that the person taking the appeal shall, within twenty days thereafter, cause to be delivered to the

May pass ordinances.

Opening and closing streets, alleys, etc.

Damages. How assessed.

Property owners may appeal within certain time.