

securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction, for protecting the public and city property, rights and privileges from waste or encroachment, and for promoting and securing the good government of the city.

Sec. 41. Before the Mayor, Counsellor and Alderman of the city of Annapolis shall pass any ordinance to open, widen, straighten, extend, stop up or discontinue any streets, lanes or alleys, or any part thereof, in pursuance of the authority herein delegated, at least thirty days' notice shall be given before the passage of such ordinance, in some newspaper or newspapers published in said city, and before any street, lane or alley shall be so opened, widened, straightened, extended, stopped up or discontinued, in whole or in part, the proprietors of lots, or any part or section of the streets, lanes and alleys so to be opened, widened, straightened, extended, stopped up or discontinued, in whole or in part, whose property will be depreciated by the act of the corporation, may apply to any Justice of the Peace in said city, who is hereby empowered, upon an affidavit of facts, to summon a jury of twelve citizens, whose duty it shall be to examine the premises and assess the damages sustained by the complainant; the full value of such assessment shall be paid or tendered to the complainant, as hereinbefore provided, before the final execution of such ordinance; and any Justice of the Peace shall have the same power to summon a jury for the assessment of benefits.

Open street.

Public notice.

Jury to assess damages and benefits.

Sec. 49. The Mayor may take the acknowledgment of any deed or instrument of writing required to be acknowledged, and receive therefor the sum of fifty cents; all by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation shall be signed by the Mayor; the Mayor shall during the first ten days in the month of January, of each and every year, cause to be prepared and printed, for the information of the citizens, a statement of the finances of the said corporation; he may call upon any officer of the city, entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money, for a statement of his accounts as often as he may deem it necessary; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed.

Mayor may take acknowledgments

Statement of finance.