

1898, to follow immediately after Section 8 and to be known and designated as Sections 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D, be and the same are hereby added to said Chapter 528 of the said Acts of the said General Assembly, and the said Section 12 of the said Chapter 528 of the said Acts of said General Assembly be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as to said sections, respectively, as follows:

Authority
given to the
Mayor and
Council of
Ocean City,
Md., to erect
a sea-wall.

8A. The Mayor and City Council of said Ocean City be and they are hereby authorized and empowered for the protection of said city to require the owner or owners of lots fronting on Atlantic avenue in said city to build, construct, erect and maintain a breakwater or sea-wall of such nature and kind as in the discretion of the said Mayor and City Council may seem proper along Atlantic avenue, or any part thereof, in front of the respective lots of such property owners, and in the event of the failure of such property owner or owners to build, construct, erect or repair said breakwater or sea-wall in the manner and of such materials as the said Mayor and City Council may direct within sixty days after written notice served upon any such property owner or owners in person, or by mailing same to his, her or their last known postoffice address, then the said Mayor and City Council shall have the power and authority to proceed to build, construct, erect or repair said breakwater or sea-wall, and assess the costs thereof to the said property owner or owners in front of whose property said breakwater or sea-wall may be built, erected, constructed or maintained, in proportion to the frontage of said property, and such cost shall be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes are collected by law; provided that such proportion of said breakwater or sea-wall as shall be in front of the public streets crossing Atlantic avenue shall be built, constructed, erected and maintained by the Mayor and City Council at the expense of said city.

Proviso.

Empowered to
to enforce
the improve-
ment of
streets, etc.

8B. The Mayor and City Council of Ocean City be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to require and enforce the grading, regrading, improvement, maintenance and repairs of the public streets, gutters, sidewalks, alleys and ways of the town by the placing of pavements, curbing, shells, dirt, boardwalks or other improvements of such material and kind as in the discretion of the Mayor and City Council may seem proper, at the expense of the owners of the abutting property, and in case of a failure of such owner or owners of such property to make such improvements or repairs in the manner and of such materials as directed by the Mayor and City Council