

and to pay the cost of all such work, and assess said cost or any part thereof against the abutting property as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 40B. Before entering upon the construction of any work or improvement specified herein, the said Mayor and Council shall by ordinance designate the location, extent and kind of work for improvement proposed to be done or made, the kind of material to be used, the estimated cost of the improvement, and the real property which will be specially benefited thereby, and which it is and shall fix a time and place when and where the owner or owners of the property to be so assessed therefor can be heard in reference thereto, notice of such hearings embodying the substance of such ordinance shall be served personally upon the owner or owners of said property who are residents of said town, either by delivering to them a copy thereof or by leaving said copy at the usual place of abode of said owner, with a member of his household above the age of eighteen years, at least ten days before said hearing. Owners of property not residing within the limits of said town shall be served with said notice by publishing the same three times in some newspaper of general circulation in said town, the last publication to be not less than ten days before said hearing, and by posting a copy of said notice in a conspicuous place upon the property of said non-resident owner.

Improvements
and notice
of hearings.

Sec. 40C. If after the hearing aforesaid the said Mayor and Council shall be of the opinion that the public health, safety or comfort requires the work or improvement proposed to be done or made, they shall provide by ordinance for the same and may charge the expense thereof or any part of such expense against the property which they shall find to be specially benefited thereby according to the linear frontage of said property; and they shall also provide in said ordinance the time and terms upon which payment of said assessment for such work and improvement shall be made by said property owners, and the rate of interest which shall be charged upon the deferred payments; assessments so levied as aforesaid shall be a lien upon the property against which they are charged superior to all other liens from the date of the notice of such assessment to be served upon such lot owners personally if said lot owner be a resident of the town of Takoma Park, and if said lot owner be a non-resident of said town to be served by publication and posting as hereinbefore provided.

Public health,
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comfort to be
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by ordinance.