

of said city, but the same shall be done at the expense of the owner or owners of the property upon and along the streets, avenues, lanes or alleys on which such sidewalks are to be established, widened, graded, paved or otherwise laid out and improved; and the said Commission in its discretion is authorized and empowered to require said property owners to grade, pave and improve said sidewalks at their expense, or upon their failure to do so the Commission may do such work itself and assess said property for the cost and expenses of such work, and the procedure and rights and powers of the Commission with respect to such work and to such assessments and the collection thereof shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by law in relation to the duties of a similar nature with which the City Engineer and other officers of the city are now or may be respectively clothed, or the procedure and the rights and powers of said Commission may be such as may be provided for the very purpose by any lawful ordinance or ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which said ordinance or ordinances the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is hereby fully authorized to adopt, provided provision is made in such ordinance or ordinances for reasonable notice to the owner or owners and for appeals to the Baltimore City Court, and the right of appeal to the Court of Appeals by any person interested, including the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

1910, ch. 736, sec. 7.

841Q. That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be and are hereby authorized to issue stock to an amount not exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, to be issued from time to time and payable at such time and bearing such rate of interest as the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall by ordinance prescribe; provided, however, that not more than five hundred thousand dollars of said stock shall be issued in any one year. The proceeds of the sale of said stock shall be used only for the purpose of providing the costs and expenses of condemnation, opening, grading, paving and curbing the streets, avenues, lanes and alleys of the annex portion of Baltimore City; said stock shall be sold and issued by the Commissioners of Finance of the City of Baltimore at the best prices obtainable in their judgment therefor, and any premiums derived from the sale thereof shall remain in their hands as part of the sinking funds hereinafter mentioned for the redemption of said stocks at maturity. The residue of the money received from the sale of said stock shall be turned over by them to the Comptroller, to be by him deposited with the City Register, and to be placed to the credit of a special fund, to be known as the "Annex Improvement Fund," which shall be exclusively applicable to the purposes in the section above specified, and shall be chargeable with no other items of cost or expense whatever; provided, however, that not more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) of said stock shall be issued for any one year after appropriations for the cost of said work shall have been duly included and allowed for each year in the usual way in the Ordinance of Estimates, then, upon the written