

dated Public Utilities Company of Westminster, its successors or assigns, shall name the second arbitrator, and the two arbitrators thus appointed shall name the third arbitrator on their appointment and before any hearing is begun. If any arbitrator appointed as aforesaid shall die, refuse to act, or be disqualified, the vacancy so occasioned shall be filled by the appointment of an arbitrator in the same manner as the one so dying, refusing to act or disqualified was appointed.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 229 (p. 693).

539. Every arbitrator so appointed shall, before he enters upon the duties of such office, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County: "That I will, to the best of my judgment and skill, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of arbitrator and perform its duties imposed by my appointment; and that I will not, directly or indirectly, receive any reward or compensation for the discharge of said duties except as may be agreed upon by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster and the Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster"; and every arbitrator shall qualify by taking this oath or affirmation as herein provided within ten days from the date of his appointment; and his failure to so qualify shall disqualify him within the meaning of the last preceding section.

STREETS OPENING.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 230 (p. 693).

540. They shall have power to provide for laying out, opening and extending, or widening or closing, straightening, in whole or in part, any street, alley or square in the city, and may fix the dimensions thereof which in their judgment the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any, and if so, what amount in damage will be caused thereby for which the owner or possessor of any property through or over which such street or alley may pass or square or park may lie, ought to be compensated and paid; and for assessing and laying either generally on the whole assessable property within the city or specially on the property of persons specially benefited by such improvement, the whole or any part of the damages and expenses which may be incurred in laying out, opening, extending, straightening or widening such street, lane or alley, square or park; to provide (in case they shall determine to levy and assess the whole or any part of said damages and expenses upon the owners of the property in the city specially benefited by such improvement) for the appointment amongst them of the amount of such damage and expenses so determined, to be levied upon them in due proportion to the amount of benefits by them, respectively, received; to provide for the appointment of commissioners to assess said damages and benefits and prescribe their duties and compensation; to provide for the condemnation of all land and property so taken for public use in opening, extending, straightening or widening, in whole or in part, any street, lane or alley as aforesaid, and for the notice to be given