

any street, sidewalk, alley or public highway or parts thereof at such time and to such extent and of such materials and in such manner as they shall by ordinance provide. The total cost of the construction of gutters and sidewalks shall be charged as a benefit against the abutting property found to be specially benefited as hereinafter provided. The total cost of the construction, paving or other permanent improvement of roads or highways, shall be assessed against the abutting property found to be specially benefited as hereinafter provided, and provided further that such property is classified as agricultural or as undeveloped in accordance with the provisions of Section 640, of this subtitle, but in the event that the abutting property found to be specially benefited is classified as residential, whether improved or unimproved or as industrial in accordance with the provisions of said Section 640 of this subtitle, then one-half of the total costs of the construction, paving, or other permanent improvement, of roads or highways shall be assessed against such property so benefited and so classified and the other half shall be paid from District-wide taxation or the proceeds of the sale of District-wide bonds as may be determined by said Board of County Commissioners, and the total cost of street lighting shall be borne from the general revenues to be collected under this Act and paid from the Street Lighting Fund.

Before entering upon the construction of any work or improvement specified herein, the Board shall by ordinance designate the location, extent and kind of work or improvement proposed to be done or made, the kind of materials to be used, the estimated cost of the improvement and the real property which will be especially benefited thereby and which it is proposed to assess to pay all or any part of the cost thereof, 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 hearing, embodying the substance of such ordinance, shall be served personally upon the owner or owners of said property who are residents of said District 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 District shall be served with said notice by publishing the same three times in some newspaper of general circulation in said District, 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 in question.

If after the hearing the Board shall be of the opinion that the health, morals, safety or welfare 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 that shall be charged upon the deferred payments.