

by the owner of the land subdivided, to the said clerk to record the said plat or plats, one of which shall be by said clerk placed in and attached to the book hereinafter provided for, and the other shall, by said clerk, be attached to and make a part of the "substance records", now by law required to be kept, and shall transmit the same, with the said "substance record", to the Commissioner of the Land Office as now by law directed; and shall index in the general index of the Land Records kept by him all plats so filed and recorded, both in the names of the subdivisions as given upon said plats and in the name of the owners so signing the direction aforesaid; and the said clerk shall receive for each plat or section of the plat so filed with him, the sum of one dollar; the maker of said plat or plats shall, at the same time, furnish to the County Surveyor of said county, a copy of such plat, or plats, endorsed as aforesaid, which shall be by said County Surveyor, placed in and attached to the Plat Book in this Act required by him to be kept, and said County Surveyor shall receive a fee of one dollar for each plat so filed with him.

1894, ch. 622, sec. 60D. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 402.

**680.** The clerk of the said Circuit Court and the county surveyor of said county shall provide, and the county commissioners of said county shall pay for, suitable books, to be designated "Plat Book No.," etc., in which such plats shall be affixed.

1894, ch. 622, sec. 60E. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 403.

**681.** Such plats, when filed for record as in this act provided, shall constitute a part of the land records of said county, and shall have the same force and effect as to notice as is now given to properly recorded deeds.

1894, ch. 622, sec. 60F. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 404.

**682.** When said plats are so recorded, those portions of said land designated on said plats as streets, roads, avenues, lanes, alleys and public parks or squares, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be forever dedicated to public use, and shall not thereafter, on any pretext whatsoever, be altered or taken for private use; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any person or persons owning or claiming any interest in said land derived by, from or under any persons other than the maker of such plat, or by, from or under such maker prior to such sub-division; and provided further, that the maker of any such plat or plats, his heirs or assigns, shall have the right to apply by petition to the Circuit Court for said county, for leave to abandon the sub-division of lands so made by him, and reconvert the same into one tract or parcel; and said court, if convinced upon such proof, and after such notice by publication or otherwise, or as it shall direct, that no damage can be in any wise sustained by persons other than the petitioners, shall have power to pass an order authorizing and empowering such petitioner to abandon such sub-division, either in whole or in part; and the proceedings had under such petition shall be docketed in the equity dockets and recorded in the equity