

name of the Mayor and Council of Crisfield before a justice of the peace, as well as small debts are recovered.

*Stephens v. Crisfield*, 122 Md. 191. *Crisfield v. C. & P. Tel. Co.*, 131 Md. 444.

1910, ch. 529, sec. 88 (p. 1097). 1916, ch. 458, sec. 88.

**84.** The Mayor and Council of Crisfield shall have charge of all the streets and alleys of said City; shall have power to make by-laws and pass ordinances to establish grades for the streets, gutters and sidewalks of the city, regulate the width thereof, and prescribe the material of which they shall be built; to cause the sidewalks along said public street to be graded, curbed, paved, repaved or improved at the cost and expense of the owners of the abutting property, which cost shall be a lien on the abutting property and recoverable by an action at law, or to compel by fines or otherwise the owners or proprietors of any such lot to grade, pave, repave and curb the sidewalks in front thereof, agreeable to an ordinance that may hereafter be passed; the tenant or occupant of any house or parcel of land bordering on any street in said City, under a lease for less than seven years, shall be chargeable with and pay the taxes thereon and may collect same from the owner or deduct the amount paid with interest from the rent due or to become due and shall be entitled to credit thereon to the extent of the tax so paid; tenants under leases for more than seven years shall be regarded as owners; to provide by ordinance for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys, and for abandoning, altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or in part any existing street or alley, and for removing trees, posts and other obstructions, and for laying out public squares, drains, sewers and watercourses; and all benefits conferred or damages done, suffered or incurred by laying out, opening and making of new streets or alleys, or by altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or in part any existing street or alley, and for removing trees, posts and other obstructions, and for laying out public squares, drains, sewers and watercourses; and all benefits or damages done, suffered or incurred by laying out, opening and making of new streets or alleys, or by altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in part any existing street or alley or laying out public squares, drains and watercourses shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, or a majority of them, residents of said city, approved by the Mayor and approved by the Council, who shall within ten days after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace of Somerset County that they will faithfully and fairly, and without partiality or prejudice value and assess the loss and damage to be suffered and incurred by any person or persons interested in said property over, through or by which the said street or alley, square, drain or watercourse is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, and also to estimate the benefits that may accrue therefrom to any such property over, through and by which the said street or alley, drain or watercourse is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded