

waterway or drain notwithstanding the decision of said court; but in case of refusal so to do they shall be liable for costs incurred, and shall pay the same. All benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions shall be a lien on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed from the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid return, and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law as other debts are collected. On appeal the court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award the costs in its discretion. On final ratification of any report of a commission appointed under the provisions of this section, the clerk to the City Council shall at once record in a book, kept for that purpose, the said return, plat and all proceedings connected therewith. And if for any reason the person to whom damages are awarded shall refuse to receive the damages assessed, or from infancy or any other cause is prevented from receiving and receipting for same, the damages so assessed shall be deposited in some bank, paying interest on deposits, if any, to the credit of the person entitled to such damages, and thereupon the Mayor and Council may proceed in the same way as if the said damages had been paid to the person or persons themselves and this proceeding shall have the same effect.

1910, ch. 529, sec. 89 (p. 1099). 1916, ch. 458, sec. 89.

85. The Mayor and Council of Crisfield shall have power to provide by ordinance for the establishment and change from time to time of the grade lines of any streets, lane, alley or part thereof now or hereafter marked, located or laid out, to provide by ordinance for grading, macadamizing, paving and curbing or for regrading, remacadamizing, repaving and recurbing of any street, lane, alley in said City or part thereof now condemned, ceded, dedicated or opened as a public highway, or which may hereafter be condemned, ceded, dedicated, opened, widened, straightened or altered, according to the laws and ordinances regulating same, and also assessing the cost of any work, not exceeding one-half the cost, upon any property binding upon streets, lanes, alley or highway or part thereof, according to the front foot rule of apportionment of the cost of improvement on an equitable basis, as it may determine, and for the collection of said assessment, as other city taxes are collected, or in such manner as it may prescribe, either before or after the work shall have been done. To provide by ordinance for grading, macadamizing, paving or curbing or for regrading, remacadamizing, repaving or recurbing of any street, lane, alley or highway or part thereof in said city, whenever the owners of a majority of the front footage or of property binding on such street, lane, alley or highway or part thereof shall apply for the same, upon terms and under conditions to be prescribed in said ordinances, and for the assessment in any such case of the whole or any part of the costs of such work pro rata according to the front foot rule of apportionment of the cost of the improvement on an equitable basis upon all abutting property, binding upon such street, lane or alley and for the collection of such: