

1912, ch. 617, sec. 342D. 1924, ch. 75, sec. 342D.

715. Any person or persons placing an obstruction upon any of the public highways, roads, bridges, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of Washington County or interfering with, or obstructing the side ditches or drains thereof, or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions or in any other manner, or any person or corporation, its agents or employees, exercising the business of a common carrier, permitting his or its vehicles or steam or other engines or cars to obstruct any crossing for a longer period than ten minutes at any one time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to arrest and prosecution at the instance of any road official, his or their representatives or at the instance of any taxpayer of the County; and upon conviction by any Justice of the Peace exercising criminal jurisdiction in Washington County shall be fined in an amount not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offence; any person arrested under this section shall have the right to elect that his case be sent to the Circuit Court for trial. All fines collected under this section shall be paid into the General Road and Bridge Fund of the County.

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716. Conditional upon his acceptance of the position, Edgar T. Hayman, of Washington County, who is a graduate in Civil Engineering with more than ten years experience in responsible charge of important road and bridge building, and who is at present County Road Superintendent of Washington County, be and he is hereby constituted and appointed Road Engineer of Washington County, to hold office from the date of the passage of this Act until removed for cause as hereinafter provided, or until he voluntarily relinquishes the same. The Road Engineer of Washington County shall be directly answerable to the County Commissioners of Washington County for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties and the said County Commissioners may remove him from office and he shall be removable from office by them only for wilful neglect of duty, inefficiency, dishonesty, or such other cause as may impair his usefulness in his administration of County affairs relating to roads. But the said Road Engineer shall not be removable from his office by the County Commissioners except upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Washington County to be filed with the County Commissioners or upon sworn complaint by the Clerk of the County Commissioners, filed by their direction, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and the character of the charges preferred, of which due and reasonable notice shall be given the Road Engineer. Hearings in regard to the removal of the Road Engineer shall be public, the Road Engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to representation by counsel and to produce any competent testimony, and the Road Engineer shall have the right to appeal from the decisions of the County Commissioners to the Governor of the State of Maryland, who shall review the case and may either affirm or overrule the decisions of the said County Commissioners thereon. Whenever a vacancy exists in the office of Road