

in full to the abutting property owners, among the owners of lots fronting on said streets, lanes or alleys, or improved portion thereof, so that one-third of such expense shall be borne by the owners of each abutting lot on each side of said street, lane or alley, or part thereof, so improved, and the remaining third of such expense shall be paid by said city.

Provided, that in the event of such paving, repaving or repairing of streets, lanes or alleys, or part thereof, and upon the property lines, tracks or franchise rights of any street car company located and having its tracks upon said street, lane or alley, or part thereof, so improved, then the Mayor and Councilmen shall collect in the manner hereinafter provided from said street car company a sum of money equal to the extent such property shall have been specially benefited by such improvements. And it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councilmen to provide by ordinance for the appointment of commissioners to assess the value of such improvements, and the Mayor and Councilmen shall give reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard to all persons interested before the final ascertainment of the amount of tax to be paid by any such property; and the said Mayor and Councilmen shall provide for appeals to the Circuit Court for Allegany County by any person or persons interested, including the Mayor and Councilmen, from the decision of any commissioner or other persons appointed to determine the amount or amounts of such assessments, with the right to any person or persons interested or the Mayor and Councilmen to an appeal to the Court of Appeals.

And the Mayor and Councilmen shall provide by ordinance for the giving of notice by publication or by service of written notice personally upon the parties to be affected by said proceedings, and allowing them to be heard before any such proceedings are had. But nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent said Mayor and Councilmen from constructing any sewer or sewers or system of sewers and paying for the same out of the funds of the city, nor to prevent said Mayor and Councilmen, in the event no assessment is made upon the property owners for the cost of said sewers, from charging a reasonable sum for the right of connection therewith in perpetuity and to require all owners of improved or vacant property to which said sewer when attached would be benefited thereby, to take out and pay for a license to attach to said sewer within sixty days after the completion of said work, all of which powers are hereby granted to said Mayor and Councilmen; and provided further, that the Mayor and Councilmen may exercise this right to repave, regrade, recurb, and re sewer, only after the expiration of ten years from the time of the completion of the paving, grading, curbing or sewerage of said streets, lanes or alleys, or parts thereof, which are to be repaved, regraded, recurbed or re sewer.

Whenever the Mayor and Councilmen shall levy any sum of money on the owners of property in said city for grading, paving, curbing, sewerage, regrading, repaving, recurbing, re sewerage or otherwise improving