

## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION AND STREET NAMES.

Ord. 845 (1926-27).

**85B.**† The Bureau of Plans and Surveys of the Department of Public Works shall establish and maintain a system for the uniform identification of all real property within the City of Baltimore. It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Plans and Surveys to identify each parcel of real property within the City of Baltimore by some symbol or number or mark, which symbol or number or mark shall thereafter be used by every other municipal agency to identify such parcel of real property until such parcel, so identified, is subdivided into other parcels, or until the symbol or number or mark is changed by the Bureau of Plans and Surveys.

The Bureau of Plans and Surveys shall keep adequate plats and other records of all parcels of real property within the City of Baltimore, and the symbol or number or mark by which each parcel of real property is identified for all municipal purposes, and such plats and records as corrected and amended from time to time, shall be the official plats and records for the identification, by all municipal agencies, of every parcel of real property within the City of Baltimore. The plats and records of parcels of real property, to be kept by the Bureau of Plans and Surveys, shall be used by all municipal agencies to determine locations of all parcels of real property within the City of Baltimore.

In making assessments for purposes of taxation, for benefits derived from street openings, for paving or for work done by or under the direction of any municipal agency, the parcels of real property against which (or against the owners of which) such assessments or charges are made shall be identified by the symbol or number or mark adopted for each parcel by the Bureau of Plans and Surveys. Failure by the Bureau of Plans and Surveys, or by any municipal agency, to so identify parcels of property shall not affect the validity of any assessment or charge otherwise properly made.

It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Plans and Surveys to obtain prompt information from the record office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City of all records and subdivisions of real property, and to incorporate the same, with identification symbols or numbers or marks, in the plats and records of the Bureau. As soon as practicable, the Bureau of Plans and Surveys shall arrange to record the names of the owners of each parcel of real property, with changes as they occur from time to time.

Every person, firm or corporation desiring or undertaking to lay out, locate or construct any street, highway or alley within the City of Baltimore in connection with any real estate development, shall, before beginning such construction and before selling any land abutting on such street,

†Sections 85B, 85C, 85D and 85E were designated as part of Charter by Ord. No. 845, approved Oct. 27, 1926, under authority conferred by Chapter 418 of the Acts of 1924, and by Resolution No. 4, approved Sept. 26, 1924, and approved by the voters at the November election, 1924. The ordinance repeals all laws inconsistent therewith. *But see*, Art. 11A of Constitution, and *Graham v. Joyce*, 151 Md. 298.