

weeks, that the footways or sidewalks in front of the ground or premises referred to and specified in said advertisements are out of order or in want of repair, and to cause to be published a notice of their intentions, or by personal service of said notice on the owner to have said footways or sidewalks paved, repaved or repaired, as the case may be; and in case said footways or sidewalks in front of said grounds or premises as set out in said notice shall not be paved, repaved or repaired within the time specified in said notice published as aforesaid, the said county commissioners shall appoint one examiner or three examiners, as the case may be, to take charge of and have said footways or sidewalks paved, repaved or repaired; but the said examiner or examiners, before proceeding so to do, shall make an estimate of the probable cost of said paving, repaving or repairing, including all the expenses attending the said matter; and said costs and expenses shall be collected in manner following, viz: the whole amount estimated by the said examiner or examiners to be necessary shall be assessed *pro rata* on all the ground bounding and fronting on said footways and sidewalks, and except when said footways or sidewalks cross open streets or thoroughfares, which shall be paid by the county commissioners of Baltimore county out of the general tax levy of said county; the same shall be a lien thereon until paid, and shall be collected as provided for the collections of other assessments for the opening of streets, avenues or alleys in Baltimore county. After all the assessments shall have been collected by said examiner or examiners, he or they shall advertise for sealed proposals for the grading, paving or repaving said footways or sidewalks; and said advertisement shall be in the same manner as provided for in this sub-title of this article regulating the opening and condemning of streets and avenues; and the awarding of the contract and the grading and construction of said footways or sidewalks shall be regulated as provided therein.

1888, ch. 546.

245. The county commissioners shall cause a copy of the notice or order aforesaid to be given or served on the owner of the lot in front of which a footway or sidewalk is required to be filled up, dug down, paved, repaved or repaired, in the following manner, viz: the said order or copy thereof, may be left at any