

written notice personally upon the parties to be affected by said proceedings, and allowing them to be heard before any such proceedings are had.

68 A. The mayor and city council may, when requested in writing by the owners of a majority of the front feet of the property on any street or alley, or parts thereof, in said city, cause the same to be regraded, repaved, recurbed, sewerred or otherwise improved, and with such materials as such majority of owners shall apply for in such request, and may appoint commissioners as provided for in section 66 to assess and levy upon said lot owners, according to the number of front feet owned by them, such proportion of said cost, not exceeding two-thirds of the same, the balance to be paid by the city; provided however, that before any such regrading, repaving, recurbing or other improvements shall be done, the mayor and city council shall give at least thirty days' notice of any such application, by advertisement in at least two newspapers published in said city and by personal notice in writing, served twenty days before, upon each of such owners of property to be affected by the same, where such owners are residents of Alleghany County; and provided further, that before such commissioners shall proceed to assess said costs, they shall serve personal notice upon such resident owners and by publication in two newspapers against non-resident owners giving in each case, twenty days' notice of the time and place where said commissioners will sit to determine said assessments, at which time and place, all such owners of property shall be entitled to appear and be heard by said commissioners on the question of said assessment and costs, and the mayor and city council may provide by appropriate ordinances for carrying out the provisions of this section.

71. The mayor and city council shall cause to be maintained a registration of the legal voters in the several wards of said city, and the registration made under the authority of existing law, shall, together with such additions, changes and alterations as may be or become necessary, constitute such registration; said registration shall be made and corrected in the manner provided in the general registration law of the State, and shall specify the residence of the voters on each street, lane and alley, and such registration shall be essential to the right of voting at any election under this charter, but shall not be conclusive evidence of such rights to vote, said city council shall annually on or before the second Monday in April in each year, elect two persons of opposite politics to act as officers of registration, who shall sit as officers of registration at the council chamber at