

to be done on, in or about a curb, gutter, footway or sidewalk in any one of the following manners, viz: The said order or a copy thereof may be served personally on the owner thereof, any tenant of the property, or any agent, trustee or guardian of the owner, or left at his place of residence, or a copy of such order may be published once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County. Any notice served or published in any of the modes aforesaid shall be deemed and taken as legally sufficient and binding. Any person feeling aggrieved by the terms and conditions of such notice may apply to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for a hearing with reference thereto, and shall be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with same. At such hearing the Commissioners may revise, alter, affirm or rescind the directions of the Roads Engineer, in whole or in part, and their decision shall be final.

Upon the failure of a property owner to comply with any notice, within the time limited in said notice, which shall be not less than twenty days from the date of service or from the date of first publication, the Roads Engineer by and with the consent of the County Commissioners, may procure the performance of such work either with his own force or by contract. The cost and expense of such work, including the cost of giving any notice, shall be certified to the County Treasurer by the County Commissioners, shall be a lien on said property in the same manner as taxes; and shall be collectible in the manner provided by law for the collection of taxes, except that such charges and assessments are benefit charges and shall not be subject to any limitation.

The Commissioners may by appropriate order, upon application, provide for the payment of any assessment in annual installments not exceeding five in number, on such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by said Commissioners; provided, however, that no installment payment shall be permitted unless an agreement with respect thereto has been made by the property owner with the County Commissioners prior to the performance of the work.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1947.