

Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale to construct semi-permanent roads as herein defined and to borrow money upon the credit of the town to meet the cost of such construction if in the judgment of the Mayor and Common Council such type of improvement would be in the public interest and of special benefit to the abutting property, whenever written petition therefor is made by the owners of more than fifty per cent of the property abutting on the length of the road to be improved, accompanied by an advance deposit of forty per cent of the estimated total cost of the construction; to provide for the assessment of the entire cost of the improvement against the abutting property; to fix the method of making such assessment, the interest thereon, and the credit to be allowed for the contribution to the advance deposit; to permit the payment of the unpaid balance of any such assessment in cash or in such number of equal semi-annual installments, not exceeding three, as may be determined by the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale to be in the public interest; to declare such assessments a lien upon the abutting property; to provide a penalty for non-payment of any assessment or installment thereof, and for their collection as other taxes due the Town of Riverdale; and to permit repeated petitions and recurring assessments for semi-permanent road improvements against the same abutting property until such time as permanent street improvements shall be made along such abutting property in the manner provided by law for the making of such permanent street improvements in the Town of Riverdale, and to provide for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the 1943 Edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, compiled and edited by Horace E. Flack, be amended by adding thereto a new Section 1199(a) relating to the Town of Riverdale to read as follows:

1199(a). The Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale shall have authority to construct semi-permanent roadways within the Town upon the following conditions:

(a) That there shall be filed with the Mayor and Common Council a petition in writing specifying the type of semi-permanent road improvement desired, signed by owners of more than fifty percent of the property abutting along the length of the road proposed to be constructed, accompanied by an advance deposit of forty percent of the total cost of the construction as estimated by the Town Engineer. The petition shall also certify the amount of the advance payment.