

tion 477A and to follow immediately after Section 477, authorizing The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to provide for the cleaning and removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, and the cutting and removal of weeds along sidewalks by its own servants, agents and contractors, the charges for so doing to constitute a lien upon the abutting property, and providing for an appeal to the Circuit Court and providing also for the establishment of a minimum charge for performing the services aforesaid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be added to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", said new section to be known as Section 477A and to follow immediately after Section 477 and to read as follows:

477A. The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown may provide by general ordinance for the cleaning and removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks within its corporate limits by its own servants, agents, or contractors, and also for the cutting and removal of weeds within the area extending between the curb-line of any street or other highway within said corporate limits and a line two feet back of the inside walk line of any such sidewalk, by its own servants, agents, or contractors, the actual or established minimum cost of cleaning and removing snow and ice, as aforesaid, and cutting and removing weeds, as aforesaid, to be collected as are municipal taxes, and said charges shall be and they are hereby declared to be liens upon the abutting property after the same have been approved by an order of the Mayor and Council and a statement thereof placed in the hands of the City Tax Collector and Treasurer, provided, however, that the said liens shall not be construed to be such as against subsequent purchasers of the abutting property unless the same shall have been recorded prior to the date of purchase of the said property. There is hereby reserved unto the owner of any such abutting property the right of appeal from any such order of approval to the Circuit Court for Washington County, any such appeal to be taken by serving a written notice to that effect with said Tax Collector and Treasurer who shall thereupon transmit all records of said case, or an exact copy thereof, to said Circuit Court and the said The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown are further authorized and empowered to establish by the general ordinance aforesaid a minimum cost of cleaning and removing snow and ice, as aforesaid, and cutting and removing weeds, as aforesaid, of not more than five cents for each lineal foot of sidewalk from which snow and ice may be so cleaned and removed, or along which weeds may be so cut and removed.