

CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT to amend article twenty-one of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington county, by adding thereto additional sections authorizing the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, to lay out and open streets and alleys in said town. Passed Feb. 7, 1866.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following sections be added to article twenty-one of the Code of Public Local Laws for Washington county, to come in after section one hundred and twenty-three of said article: Sections added.

124. That the Mayor and Council shall have power to provide for laying out, opening, and extending any street or alley within the town, which in their opinion the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any, and what amount in value of damage will be caused thereby, for which the owner or possessor of any property through which such street or alley may pass, ought to be compensated, and for assessing and levying, either generally on the whole assessable property with the town, or specially on property of persons benefitted, the whole or any part of the damages and expenses which will be incurred in laying out or extending such street or alley; for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Washington county, from the decisions of any commissioners or other persons appointed in virtue of any ordinance, to ascertain the damage occasioned by the opening or extending of such street or alley, and for securing to the person injured the right, on application within thirty days from the return of the report of the commissioners, to have decided by a jury trial whether any and what damage he has sustained; to provide for collecting and paying the compensation awarded to any person before any street or alley shall be so opened or extended, and to enact all ordinances from time to time necessary and proper to the exercise of the powers granted in this section; *provided*, that before the Mayor and Council proceed to execute any of the powers vested in them by this section, at least thirty days notice shall be given of any application which may be made for the passage of Power to lay out streets, &c.

appeals.  
May Grant

Award.

Proviso.