

greater than the cost of such sidewalks so repaired or constructed, and the maturity thereof to be at such time as the Mayor and City Council may prescribe.

The Mayor and City Council shall have general power and control over the streets, alleys, lanes and sidewalks in said town; may open and close the same and establish the width and grade thereof; straighten, widen, improve, pave and repair the same; construct causeways and bridges; set out shade trees; and in its discretion trim trees, vines and shrubbery which obstruct or interfere with the free passage of persons along said streets or sidewalks, and may remove any obstructions therefrom, or may require, by ordinance, the property owners to trim trees, vines or shrubbery obstructing the same, or to remove any obstructions thereon.

It may prohibit by ordinance the parking of vehicles along such streets or parts of streets as may seem to it advisable, and it may establish stands for taxi-cabs and prohibit the same from parking any other place when such stands have been established.

646. All damages done, suffered or incurred by opening, closing, straightening or widening said streets, alleys or lanes, and any benefits or advantages accruing to any person by such opening shall be assessed and determined by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, to be appointed by the Mayor and City Council who shall within twenty days after their notification of their appointment, take an oath before a Justice of the Peace within the town, that they will faithfully, fairly and without partiality or prejudice value and assess the loss and damage to be suffered and incurred by, and the benefits to accrue to, any person interested in the property over which the streets, alleys or lanes are to be opened, closed, straightened or widened, and they shall give at least two days' notice, by notice posted in three public places in said town, and by notice inserted in some newspaper published in said town, if there be such a paper published, of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of executing their commission and they shall, within ten days after such valuation or assessment, return the same in writing under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualifications before a Justice of the Peace, as hereinbefore provided, to the Mayor and City Council of the town, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by them as in their judgment may seem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the Mayor and