

City Council in ratifying or rejecting said award or returns, or in the amount of compensation awarded, or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal within sixty days after said ratification or rejection to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County; and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury and the judgment of said Court shall be final among the parties; provided that the person taking the appeal shall within twenty days thereafter cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the Circuit Court the award filed with said Mayor and City Council, together with a copy of the order of said Mayor and City Council, ratifying or rejecting the same, and all other papers relating thereto; but this section shall not be taken or construed to deprive or deny the right of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel to accept any streets or alleys which may be opened or dedicated by the owner of the ground in said streets or alleys for the use of the public, but the same shall be deemed streets and alleys, whether heretofore or hereafter opened for public use, without proceeding in the manner herein indicated. No street or alley given or dedicated shall be considered to be under the control, or to be kept in repair by the Mayor and City Council at its expense, unless heretofore or hereafter accepted by it. The said Mayor and City Council may enact all ordinances, from time to time, not contrary to law, necessary and proper to the exercise of the powers granted in this section provided, that before opening or condemning any street or alley, at least twenty days' notice shall be given by it of any application which may be made for the passage of any such ordinance, by notices posted in at least three public places, or by notice published in some newspaper in said town.

647. The County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall annually pay to the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, when and as collected, less the expenses of collection, three-fourths of all taxes levied for public roads on property within the limits of the said town, which shall be expended by the said Mayor and City Council in the repair and improvements of the streets and roads within the limits of said town.

#### DIVERSION OF FUNDS

648. Any officer or employee of the Mayor and City Council of Laurel who shall in any way divert or assist in diverting any of the moneys or funds of said town from