

present in person or by agent, refuse to strike, the sheriff, for him, her, it or them, may strike off four persons, and the remaining twelve shall act as the jury of inquest of damages; and to each, before he acts as juror, the said sheriff shall administer an oath or affirmation that he will justly and impartially value the damage which the owner or owners will sustain by the use and occupation of the property required by the Mayor and Council, and assess the benefits to be derived by the owner thereof from the proposed improvement, and the said jury shall reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same; and it then shall be returned by the said sheriff to the Circuit Court for Worcester county, and shall be filed by the clerk in his office, and shall be confirmed by said court if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown within thirty days after the time of filing the same, and when confirmed shall be recorded by the clerk at the expense of the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City; but if the same be set aside, the said court shall direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above described; and in case the second or any other inquisition which is confirmed by the court shall not award to the land owners a larger amount of damages than was awarded by the first inquisition, the court may, in its discretion, order the costs of the second or other inquisition to be paid by the owner or owners of said land or materials condemned; and the inquisition shall in all cases describe the property taken or the bounds of the land condemned, and the quality or duration of the interest in the same, and the valuation the jury have put upon it, and the valuation the jury have put upon the benefit which the owner of the condemned land will derive from the proposed improvement; and the valuation of the land, less the valuation of the benefits, when paid or tendered to the owner or owners of property, his, her or their legal representatives, or when paid into court under such condition as the court may prescribe, shall entitle the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City to the estate and interest in the same thus valued as if it had been legally conveyed by the owner or owners of the same; and the valuation, if not received when tendered or paid into court may at any time thereafter be received or recovered without costs from the Mayor and Council by the owner or owners,

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