

**Proceedings.** 186. After the filing of the explanatory map and decision of the board of street commissioners, the mayor and council may order and direct the said street, lane, alley, square, highway, sewer, sanitary, water-course or drain so laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up, to be established or closed up, as the case may be.

**Right of appeal.** 187. If any person or corporation to whom any damages have been awarded, or against whom any benefits have been assessed, shall feel aggrieved by the decision of the board of street commissioners, he shall have the right of appeal to the Circuit Court for Washington county, provided written notice of an intention to appeal be served upon the mayor or one of the councilmen within ten days after the said decision shall have been filed; and the same proceedings shall be had on such appeal as in cases of appeals from the judgment of justices of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that the mayor and council shall not be compelled to accept the decision of the board of street commissioners, or the judgment of the Circuit Court for Washington county, but may decline to lay out, open, extend, widen or straighten or close up any street, lane, alley, square, highway, sewer, sanitary sewer, water-course or drain; and in case of such refusal by the mayor and council, all costs incurred shall be paid by the mayor and council.

**Benefits to be a lien.** 188. All benefits assessed against any lot or parcel of ground (or the owner or occupant thereof) shall be a lien against said lot or parcel of ground from the time the mayor and council shall finally order the opening, widening, extending, straightening or closing up of any street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or water-course, as the case may be; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the mayor and council, immediately upon the passage of such order by the mayor and council, to certify, under his hand and seal of the corporation, to the tax collector, the amount of benefits so assessed against any lot or parcel of ground, who shall forthwith enter the same on his books against the property so assessed; the tax collector shall collect such benefits as other taxes are collected; provided, that no property be sold for the payment of benefits until after the expiration of six months from the date of the passage of the order of the mayor and council in the premises.