

such street or alley, the mayor and council shall pay, or tender to the person, his agent, guardian or representative, the amount of damages so awarded; and if any one should feel aggrieved by the decision of the mayor and council in any matter relating to their decision, he, she or they may appeal to the circuit court for Wicomico county, by giving written notice within twenty days from said decision, filed with the clerk of the council, of their desire to appeal, and on the filing of the said notice it shall be the duty of the said clerk to deliver the papers connected therewith to the clerk of said court, and the same proceedings shall be had on the appeal as in cases of appeal from judgments of justices of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that the mayor and council may decline to open, lay out, extend, widen, grade, or straighten any street, alley or highway, or any square, water-way or drain, notwithstanding the decision of said court; but in case of refusal so to do, they shall be liable for all costs incurred, and shall pay the same. All benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed from the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid return, and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law. On appeal, the court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion.

Damages—
how awarded.

Right of
appeal.

What consti-
tutes liens.

Power to pass
ordinances.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing powers, and for the preservation of the health, cleanliness, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens from fire or disease, and to suppress, or cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued any and all nuisances within the said limits of said town; they may pass any and all ordinances and by-laws, from time to time necessary, and to enforce and insure the observance of the said ordinances in addition to an action in debt, or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery for fees, fines and penalties thereto affixed; they may affix thereto reasonable fines, and in default of payment of any