

same before the expiration of said time may at any time after the filing of said statement give notice to said Mayor and City Council in writing, that he disputes the validity of such lien, and wishes to test the same so as to free his property from said lien claim, and in such case, unless said Mayor and City Council shall issue a scire facias thereon against said party within sixty days after the receipt of such notice, said lien shall be waived and avoided as against his property, and in all cases or writs of scire facias issued under this section, the same shall stand for trial at the first term of court after the issuing thereof; provided the same shall have been served on the defendants and a return of such service made by the sheriff at least ten days before the commencement of said term, and upon all judgments rendered in such cases there shall be a stay of thirty days and no longer; provided that either party may appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland from any ruling or decision of any question of law decided by the Circuit Court in such trial. And in case the defendant shall appeal and file a proper appeal bond, then said stay of thirty days shall be counted from the affirmance of such judgment, if the same shall be affirmed, and not from the date of the judgment below.

80. The Mayor and City Council, in addition to the powers heretofore granted as to grading, curbing, paving, repaving and repairing the streets of said city, shall have full powers to grade, curb and pave all sidewalks and gutters which in their judgment and public convenience may require, and to cause said sidewalks and gutters to be repaved or regraded or repaired or otherwise improved and to collect the cost thereof from the person owning the property fronting on any sidewalks, curb or gutter, in the same manner as is provided for the paving and repaving of streets in Sections 77 and 78 of this Act, and said Mayor and City Council shall also have the same powers to file liens and enforce the same as are provided in Sections 79 and 80 of this Act for the filing and enforcement of liens for paving and repaving streets.

81. Said Mayor and City Council, in addition to the powers granted in the preceding section, shall also have power to cause any sidewalks in said city to be graded, curbed, paved or repaved, regraded or recurbed by the owners of the property abutting on said sidewalk, upon giving said owners of the property written notice to pave, grade, curb, repave, regrade or recurb said sidewalks, and setting out in said written notice