

road or lane, or any county road, street or lane, within the said special taxing area which has been or which may hereafter be acquired and opened for public use and to lay sidewalks and curbs thereon, and, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County and after due publication of cost thereof, to assess the cost of said grading, paving, macadamizing, laying sidewalks and curbs, or otherwise improving, against the property abutting on that portion of the said street, road, lane or sidewalk so improved, in proportion to the frontage of said abutting property on the same; provided the consent to the proposed improvements of the owners of two-thirds of said abutting property be first had and obtained. A tax so assessed as provided in this section, shall be payable to the County Treasurer for said county in not more than three annual instalments as nearly equal as may be, the first instalment thereof to become due and payable the first day of July, next succeeding the making of such special assessment as herein elsewhere provided and to be collected as county taxes in said county are collected and shall be subject to interest from said first day of July until paid at the rate of 6% per annum. Each annual instalment shall become a lien against such abutting property and such instalment not paid by the first day of January following its becoming due, shall be subject to the same penalties and shall be collected in the same manner as provided for the collection of unpaid county taxes, in said county. All taxes assessed as provided in this section shall be paid over by the Treasurer of said county to the Treasurer of the "Friendship Heights Citizens' Committee," who shall devote such funds to the exclusive purpose of paying for special improvements herein provided for or any indebtedness which may be incurred therefor.

Said Friendship Heights Citizens' Committee shall have the power to pave, grade, macadamize or otherwise improve said streets, roads, lanes, or sidewalks within the taxable area; provided that before any contract for work shall be entered into, or any obligation with respect thereto incurred, notice shall be given to the owners and others of record interested in said abutting property and an opportunity to be heard, such hearing to be before said Friendship Heights Citizens' Committee who shall decide the matters properly brought before them. Any party affected by the final decision of said Citizens' Committee made after such hearing, shall have the right to appeal therefrom within ten days to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County; and provided further that upon the petition of the