

ten notice personally upon the parties to be affected by said proceedings, and allowing them to be heard before any such proceedings are had. But nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent said Mayor and Councilmen from constructing any sewer or sewers or system of sewers and paying for the same out of the funds of the city, nor to prevent said Mayor and Councilmen, in the event no assessment is made upon the property owners for the cost of said sewers, from charging a reasonable sum for the right of connection therewith in perpetuity and to require all owners of improved or vacant property to which said sewer when attached would be benefited thereby, to take out and pay for a license to attach to said sewer within sixty days after the completion of said work, all of which powers are hereby granted to said Mayor and Councilmen; and provided further, that the Mayor and Councilmen may exercise this right to repave, regrade, recurb, and resewer, only after the expiration of ten years from the time of the completion of the paving, grading, curbing or sewerage of said streets, lanes or alleys, or parts thereof, which are to be repaved, regarded, recurbed or reseeded.

Whenever the Mayor and Councilmen shall levy any sum of money on the owners of property in said city for grading, paving, curbing, sewerage, regrading, repaving, recurbing, resewing or otherwise improving the streets, lanes or alleys in said city, or any of them, or shall make a charge for the right of connecting to a sewer, the sum so levied or charged shall be a preferred lien upon said property the same as city taxes now are; provided said Mayor and Councilmen shall within ninety days after the completion of such grading, paving, curbing, sewerage, regrading, repaving, recurbing, resewing, or otherwise improving, cause to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, a statement showing the whole amount expended in such grading, paving, curbing, sewerage, regrading, repaving, recurbing, resewing, or otherwise improving, and the names of the persons among whom the said sum has been apportioned and the amount apportioned to each, and a general description of the land owned by each of said parties upon which such sums are intended to operate as a lien, and said statement shall constitute a lien on said property for the space of three years and no longer, unless the same shall be revived or enforced by scire facias as provided in the next succeeding section, and said sum shall also bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from the date on which said statement is filed.