necessary, shall be available for the purpose of improvements of the streets and highways of said town, to the betterment of the water system and to such other proper public purposes as in the judgment of the said Mayor and City Council may seem advisable.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted as aforesaid, That this Act is hereby declared to be an Emergency Law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three fifths of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 119.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 169 and 175 of Staton's Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, title Ocean City, and re-enact the same with amendments, and to add a new section to follow Section 172 and to be designated as Section 172-A.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 169 and 175 of Staton's Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and a new section added to follow Section 172 and to be designated as Section 172-A, so as to read respectively as follows:

The Mayor and City Council of Ocean City are hereby authorized and empowered to require and enforce the grading, regrading, improvement, maintenance and repairs of the public streets, gutters, sidewalks, alleys and ways of the town by the placing of pavements, curbing, shells, dirt, boardwalks or other improvements of such material and kind as in the discretion of the Mayor and City Council may seem proper, at the expense: of the owners of the abutting property, and in case of a failure of such owner or owners of such property to make such improvements or repairs in the manner and of such materials as directed by the Mayor and City Council within twenty days after written notice thereof by personal service on such owner or owners, or by mailing such notice to the last known postoffice address of such owner or owners, then the said Mayor and City Council have the power and authority to proceed to make such improvement or repairs and assess the costs thereof to the owner