

may provide for the imprisonment of the offender in the City lock-up or County Jail.

158E 2. The Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall have the power to regulate all sub-divisions of land within the corporate limits of the City of Salisbury, and for the purpose of carrying into effect this sub-section no plat or plan of any such sub-division upon which any street, alley, lane, avenue, thoroughfare or public highway shall have been laid out, shall be received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County for record among the Land Records of said Wicomico County until the said plat or plan has been approved in writing by the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, and said approval stamped thereon. The Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations governing the filing of plats or plans for such sub-division and requiring all properties so sub-divided to have permanent markers or boundary stones placed at all street intersections, and to regulate and establish the width and grades for all streets, alleys, lanes, avenues, thoroughfares, public highways or side walks so laid out in any sub-division.

* 158 R. In addition to the powers to purchase property the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall have the power to condemn any property, right or interest, belonging to any person, persons, corporation or corporations (whether such corporation be public or private, and whether such property, right or interest be impressed with a prior public or quasi-public use or not) for the purpose of making any public improvement.

The manner of procedure in case of any condemnation proceeding shall be as follows:

(1) The Council may, upon its own motion, or at the suggestion of the Mayor, or at the instance of any citizen or citizens, of Salisbury, if he sees fit so to do, by order, motion, resolution, or ordinance, determine to undertake any improvement which is authorized to make, and shall thereupon direct the City Engineer, or some other competent person, to prepare a map or plat of the proposed improvement. The validity of the proceedings shall in no measure depend upon the taking of this preliminary step, it being intended merely as a means of placing before the Council accurate information as to the work to be done.

(2) The Mayor and Council shall pass an ordinance as other ordinances are passed, directing that the proposed improvement be made and specifying the course and location of the proposed improvement and describing the property to be taken with sufficient certainty to enable a surveyor to lay the same out, and directing the Mayor to appoint a commission to esti-