

for witnesses, either at the request of The Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick or at the request of any person interested. The Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick is hereby authorized to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Frederick County, with the right to a trial by jury, by either The Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick or any person interested therein, from the decision of the commissioners, provided that every such appeal shall be taken within ten days from the date of the decision by the commissioners. Upon appeal the case shall be tried de novo and the court or jury shall determine whether any damage has been caused or any benefit has accrued and to what amount, and may either increase or diminish the amount awarded or assessed by the commissioners. If an appeal to the Circuit Court for Frederick County be taken at a time when a regular jury is in attendance at said court, the case shall be heard before a jury selected from such regular panel, but if the appeal be taken at a time when the regular jury for the term has been discharged then the court shall forthwith cause twenty jurors to be summoned by the sheriff of Frederick County to attend as jurors at said Court at the time fixed by the court for the trial of said cause, which shall not be less than twenty days after any such appeal, provided however, that every such appeal may be tried before the court without the intervention of a jury, if all of the parties in interest agree thereto. It shall have power to provide for collecting and paying over the amount of compensation adjudged to each person entitled, or investing it in the discretion of the corporation, in some stock or otherwise, bearing an interest not exceeding six per cent, per annum, for the use of any such persons who, because of their infancy, absence from the city, or any other cause may be prevented from receiving it, before any street, lane or alley, in whole or in part, shall be opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up; to provide for the collection of the amounts adjudged to be paid by the owners or possessors, who may be benefited thereby; and to enact and pass all ordinances from time to time, which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified.

291. Before The Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick shall pass any ordinance under the preceding section ten days notice shall be given of any application for the passage of such ordinance in one of the newspapers published in said city; and before any commissioners appointed by any ordinance of said corporation under this and the preceding section, shall proceed to the performance of their duty, they shall give ten days notice in at least one of the newspapers published in said city, of the object of the ordinance under which they propose to act before the time of their first meeting to execute the same.