

tion to be not less than ten days before said hearing, and by posting a copy of said notice in a conspicuous place upon the property in question.

If after the hearing the Board shall be of the opinion that the health, morals, safety or welfare requires the work or improvement proposed to be done or made, they shall provide by ordinance for the same and may charge the expense thereof or any part of such expense against the property which they shall find to be specially benefited thereby according to the linear frontage of said property, and they shall also provide in said ordinance the time and terms upon which payment of said assessment for such work and improvement shall be made by said property owners and the rate of interest that shall be charged upon the deferred payments. Assessments so levied as aforesaid shall be a lien upon the property against which they are charged superior to all other liens from the date of the notice of such assessment to be served upon such lot owners personally, if said lot owner be a resident of the District, and if said lot owner be a non-resident of said District, to be served by publication and posting as hereinbefore provided.

In all cases where service is required by the provisions of this Act upon any resident of the District, such service shall be made by any police officer of Montgomery County whose return in writing reciting the fact of such service and the time and manner thereof shall be prima facie evidence of the fact of such service. The cost of publication of any notice required by this section shall be assessed against the owner of the property charged with such special assessment and become a lien upon such property and be collected with said assessment as hereinafter provided.

In the event that provision shall be made for the payment of the assessments aforesaid in installments, upon a failure to pay any one or more of said installments when the same shall become due the whole amount thereof and of such assessment shall immediately become due and payable. All assessments levied hereunder whenever the same shall become overdue according to the terms of the ordinance providing therefor, or by reason of the non-payment of any installment thereof, may be collected in the manner in which general taxes due said County are now or may hereafter be collected under the provisions of the general and local laws of the State of Maryland and any sale made for the non-payment of such assessment and any deed made pursuant to such sale shall be entitled to