

said street, and after the publication of the said resolution or notice thereof, the Commissioners of Cambridge shall, by ordinance appropriate the amount to be paid by the city, and assess upon the said property, the amount to be paid by the property owner, on the property on said street, giving the time when such money shall be due and payable, and said ordinance also to contain a provision that unless cause to the contrary is shown, on or before some day therein named, that the said assessment shall, after said date, become final, and if no cause or insufficient cause is shown by said date, then the Commissioners shall pass an ordinance making the said assessment final, and shall proceed to make the said improvement.

Such improvements may be made if the owners, or a majority of the owners, of more than one-half of the real estate in front feet, fronting or binding on each of such public highways, or thoroughfares, sought to be improved as aforesaid, shall sign and file with the "Commissioners of Cambridge," a petition for such improvement to be made, and therein agreeing that the "Commissioners of Cambridge" shall assess the said property for one-half, that is, one-fourth on the property on the one side, and one-fourth on the property on the opposite or other side of the said street, of the cost of the same, such petition to show on its face, that it is from the owners of more than one-half of the land and property, in front feet, binding upon each side of said thoroughfare, in any block or square, or the portion of such thoroughfare dividing two blocks, or running between two blocks, that is, if any thoroughfare dividing two blocks or squares is sought to be improved, then more than one-half of the property owners, or the owners of more than one-half of the land and property in front feet, in the said two blocks, shall sign the said petition, or if a whole street is sought to be improved, or the balance of a whole street from any stated place is to be improved, then the petition must be by the owners of more than one-half of the land and property in front feet, binding on said whole street, or part of the street or thoroughfare to be improved, the said petition to state the street or thoroughfare or portion of the street or thoroughfare sought to be improved, the kind of improvement and plainly give the names of the petitioners, and the front feet of land owned by each of them, binding upon the said thoroughfare or part thereof sought to be improved.

And should the Commissioners, after the filing of any such petition, and the consideration of the same, deem that it would be publicly advantageous to such a degree, in their discretion,