

controlling the use of firearms, fire crackers and other explosives; for the protection of public property, sidewalks, shade or ornamental trees from injury or obstructions; providing for the paving of sidewalks and assessing the expenses thereof in whole or in part upon the respective owners of the property fronting thereon; for the license or tax on public exhibition or amusements of all kinds, billiard, pool or bagatelle tables and tenpin alleys and for the collection of the same; for a tax on persons for each dog kept by them and to cause any dog to be killed; for the promotion of morality, health, convenience and safety of the inhabitants of said town; and for the opening, extending, widening, repairing, improvement and the closing up of streets, lanes and alleys of said town; and all damages done and all benefits received by the opening, closing, extending, widening or improving of said streets, lanes or alleys shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, to be appointed by said commissioners, who shall, within a reasonable time after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace for Caroline County that they will faithfully, fairly and without partiality or prejudice value and assess in money the loss and damages to be suffered and incurred as well as benefits to be received by any person or persons interested in the property over, through or which the said street, lane or alley is to be opened, closed, extended, widened or improved; and they shall return the same in writing under their hand and seals with a certificate of their qualification before a justice of the peace, as hereinbefore provided, to the said commissioners, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by the said commissioners as in their judgment shall seem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the said commissioners in ratifying or rejecting said award or return, or in the amount of compensation awarded, benefits assessed or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal within sixty days of said ratification to the Circuit Court for Caroline County, and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury and the judgment of the said court shall be final among the parties to such appeal; provided, that the person taking such appeal shall within ten days apply to said commissioners for the same in writing, and within twenty days thereof shall cause to be delivered to the clerk of the Circuit Court aforesaid a copy of the said award filed with the said commissioners, together with a copy of the order of said commissioners, ratify-