

the owner or owners of said property who are residents of said district either by delivering to them a copy thereof or by leaving said copy at the usual place of abode of said owner with a member of his household above the age of eighteen years, at least ten days before said hearing. Owners of property not residing within the limits of said district shall be served with said notice by publishing the same three times in some newspaper of general circulation in said district, the last publication 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, it shall provide by ordinance for the work and may charge the expense thereof or any part of such expense against the property which it shall find to be specially benefited thereby according to the linear frontage of said property, and it 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 ordinance imposing such assessment.

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.

All assessments or any installment levied hereunder whenever overdue according to the terms of the ordinance providing therefor, 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 all the presumptions as to validity that now or may