

missioners shall make a report to the Mayor, and transmit a copy thereof to the City Council, showing the status of their proceedings under every such ordinance which shall have been passed and shall not have been fully executed. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may, in its discretion, in the annual Ordinance of Estimates, set aside a sum from the general levy or from any other funds properly applicable thereto, to be used, in the discretion of the said Commissioners, with the approval of the Board of Estimates, in paying any damages awarded under the provisions hereof. The benefits when collected shall be credited to the funds from which such payments shall have been made. All damages awarded hereunder shall be payable within ninety days from the date of such award; provided, that in the event of an appeal from the action of said Commissioners or of an attack upon the legality or validity of the ordinance or the proceedings thereunder, such damages shall not be due and payable until thirty days after the final termination of any such appeal and/or final determination of any attack upon the legality or validity of any such ordinance or any of the proceedings thereunder. Failure on the part of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay damages within the time prescribed herein shall entitle the party entitled to such damages to interest on the amount awarded at the rate of six per centum per annum thereafter.

177A. In any ordinance for opening, extending, widening, straightening, closing or grading any street, lane or alley in the City of Baltimore, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may provide that the assessments of benefits may be made payable in annual installments, not exceeding five, with interest at six per cent. on the deferred installments accounting from ninety days after the time when the actual work of physically opening, extending, widening, straightening, closing or grading any such street, lane or alley is completed. If any such ordinance does not provide otherwise as to the time of payment of benefits, then all benefits assessed thereunder shall be payable, at the option of the person assessed, either at once or in five equal installments, one of which shall be due ninety days after the time when the actual work of physically opening, extending, widening, straightening, closing or grading any such street, lane or alley is completed and the other installments shall be due and payable, with legal interest thereon, respectively, one, two, three and four years thereafter; pro-