

person shall have power or authority, in any one year, to contract debts or incur any financial liability on behalf of said town in excess of the current annual revenues of said town, except as may be authorized by General, Local or Special Act of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Sub-section (B) of Section 4. That whenever a petition to improve any street with concrete or other hard surfaced sidewalks, curbs and gutters, is presented to the town of District Heights, signed by the owners of record of at least 75 per cent of the property abutting on the streets to be improved, the Town of District Heights shall call a public hearing of all interested property owners, and after such hearing, the Town of District Heights shall have power to provide for the improvement and construction of concrete or other hard surfaced sidewalks, curbs and gutters in any block where there is improved property, and to assess against the abutting property and collect from the owners thereof the total cost thereof, including engineering and all overhead and including the costs of radii at corners in case of curbs and gutters and of intersecting sidewalks at corners, the assessment being in proportion to the number of front feet owned, abutting on the portion of the street so improved. That such assessments, when made, shall constitute a tax or lien upon such abutting property with priority over all liens recorded after the passage of this Act, and such amounts as are not paid in advance as provided in the preceding sub-section shall be payable in four equal-quarterly installments with interest thereon from the date of assessment at the rate of six per centum per annum, the first installment shall be due 30 days after the date of assessment, and succeeding installments every three months thereafter until paid, and any assessment or part thereof remaining due and unpaid shall, in addition to said interest, be subject to a penalty of one-half of one per cent per month, from the date of default, and shall be enforced and collected as town taxes are collected by offering the property for sale for the amount in default, at the next tax sale following such default. Provided, however, the Town of District Heights shall give ten days' notice by registered mail addressed to the last known address of the owners of record of all property proposed to be assessed, of the intention to assess the total cost against the abutting property, which notice shall state the date such assessment is proposed to be made, and warning such owners to appear at the time and place stated in said notices, to show cause, if any there be, why said assessment should not be made as proposed.