

granted to it by Sections 870 and 871 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That before entering upon the construction of any work or improvement specified herein, the cost of which is to be borne in whole or in part by the levy of special assessments, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County shall by resolution designate the location, extent and kind of work or improvement proposed to be done or made, the kind of materials to be used, the estimated cost of the improvement and the real property which will be especially benefited thereby and which it is proposed to assess to pay all or any part of the cost thereof, and shall fix a time and place when and where the owner or owners of the property to be so assessed therefor can be heard in reference thereto. Notice of such hearing, embodying the substance of such resolution, shall be served personally upon 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 of County Commissioners of Montgomery County 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 resolution 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 resolution 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 resolution 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