

(g) Upon all judgments rendered in such cases there shall be a stay of judgment of thirty days and no longer, except that either party may appeal to the Court of Appeals from any ruling or decision of law decided by the Circuit Court. If the defendant shall appeal and file a proper appeal bond, the said stay of thirty days shall be counted from the affirmance of such judgment if it shall be affirmed, and not from the date of the judgment below.

105 STREETS, OPENED AND CLOSED. (a) The Mayor and City Council also shall have power to lay out, open, extend, widen, straighten, relocate or close any street or alley, or part thereof, within the City. It shall assess and levy either generally upon the whole assessable property within the City or specially upon the property or persons benefited, the whole or any part of the damages or expenses incurred in any such work on a street or alley, such damages or expenses to be determined by commissioners appointed to assess the same. The compensation for damages to be paid to any person shall be actually paid before any such work is begun on a street or alley.

(b) The Mayor and City Council shall have power to enact all ordinances necessary for the exercise of the powers vested in it by this section. It shall give at least thirty days' notice of the passage of any such ordinance, by advertisement in at least two newspapers printed in the City; and it shall give at least twenty days' notice of the passage of any such ordinance by a notice in writing addressed to every owner of property abutting on the street or alley on which such work is proposed.

(c) The owner of any such abutting property shall be notified of any assessment of damages or benefits thereon, by a notice in writing addressed to him at the address used for mailing tax bills on said property.

(d) The City Engineer shall establish the grade for any such work (except when the street or alley is to be closed) and shall indicate it on a plat. A description thereof shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County.

(e) Any person who shall feel aggrieved by the decision of the commissioners appointed to assess any such work on a street or alley, as to the amount of damages allowed him or benefits assessed against him, may appeal to the Circuit Court of Allegany County at any time within thirty days after the said commissioners have made their return. The appeal shall be made by filing a written notice thereof to the