

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sub-section A of Section 965 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition) being Sub-section A of Section 958 of Article 17 of said Code, being also Sub-section A of Section 1198 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1947 Edition), and being also Sub-section A of Section 1304 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition) be, and it is, hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1198 (A). (1304A). The Council is authorized and empowered whenever in its judgment the public health, safety or comfort requires it, to grade, construct, reconstruct, pave or otherwise improve any street, sidewalk, alley or public highway, or any part thereof, at such time and to such extent and with such materials and in such manner as shall be provided by ordinance, and to pay the cost of all such work and assess said cost, or any part thereof, against the abutting property as hereinafter provided in this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a new sub-section be, and it is hereby added to said Section 1198 (1304), said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section 1198-I (1304-I), and to follow immediately after Sub-section 1198H (1304H) of said section and Article, and to read as follows:

1198-I. (1304-I). The Council is authorized to prepare a general plan for the control and disposition of surface waters within the City limits, and may divide the said City into drainage districts, determined, as near as may be, by the topography of the districts so divided.

The Council may, after the delineation of such districts, determine, upon petition or upon its own motion, that all or some part of one or more of said drainage districts, in the interest of the public's health, welfare and safety, requires the construction of a storm water or surface water drainage system. After having made said determination, and after having secured from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission its written approval of the system so proposed, the Council shall, before entering upon the construction of any such system, advertise once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Takoma Park, that it has determined to construct a drainage system in said district, or a part thereof. The said advertisement shall include a statement of the approximate cost of the work, and the general area affected thereby, and shall state that the cost or some specified part thereof will be levied as an assessment against the property found to be benefited. In addition, the