

advertisement shall state the basis upon which the assessment shall be made, and advise those interested that a hearing will be held by the Council at a time and place named in said advertisement, at which hearing all interested persons will be heard. The Council shall be prepared to exhibit at such hearing a plan for said drainage district or part thereof, including the length and size of pipes, the approximate cost, and a general description of the area to be affected by any assessment proposed to be levied for the construction of said system. If, after such hearing, the Council shall determine that the public health, welfare and safety requires the construction of said system, it shall thereupon proceed with such construction, either by contract, publicly advertised, or by any other means deemed desirable.

For the purpose of providing for the payment of the cost of the construction of any drainage system undertaken by the Council under the authority granted by this sub-section, there shall be levied by the Council, by ordinance duly adopted, a drainage benefit assessment against all of the real properties within said drainage district served by said system, whether immediately or remotely, which the Council determines to be benefited by said system, and said assessments may, in the discretion of the Council, be based either upon the then assessed value or upon a square foot basis of all of the real property belonging to any owner within said drainage district so benefited, and said assessments so levied shall be uniform throughout the said area or district.

The Council shall also provide in said ordinance the time and terms upon which payment of said assessments shall be made by said property owners, the rate of interest that shall be charged upon deferred payments, and shall provide penalties for failure to pay any deferred payment when due. 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 approval of such assessments by the Council, and all assessments so approved and levied shall be collected in the manner set forth in Sub-section D hereof, and each and every provision of said sub-section is hereby made applicable to this sub-section.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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