

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "County Commissioners", said new section to be known as Section 166A, to be under the sub-heading "Sidewalks", to follow immediately after Section 166 of said Article, and to read as follows:*

*Sidewalks*

*166A. (a) The County Commissioners of Washington County, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may hereafter be granted them, shall have the express power to cause sidewalks along the public streets and highways of said County, except in incorporated towns of said County, to be graded, paved, repaired or improved, curbs to be set and gutters laid, at the cost and expense of the abutting real property or the owner thereof; or compel by fine or otherwise the owner or proprietor of any lot or parcel of land to pave or repair sidewalks or foot-ways; to set curbs and lay gutters in front thereof.*

*(b) It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners, before proceeding to carry out the provisions of this section, to notify every owner, in front of whose property they propose to do any grading, paving, setting of curb, laying of gutters, or repairing and to allow such owners thirty (30) days to perform such work under the direction of the County Commissioners; but if such owner or owners shall fail or refuse to complete said work by the expiration date of said notice, then the County Commissioners may perform such work and the cost thereof shall be assessed against the owner or owners in front of whose property such work is performed. Whenever the County Commissioners shall have determined, under the provisions of this section, the exact amount of cost for which any property or the owner or owners thereof have been liable for work done or repairs made as therein set forth, they shall deliver to the County Treasurer a statement of said amount or amounts, together with the name or names of the respective owners of the property in front of which the said work was done or the said repairs were made. The County Treasurer shall forthwith enter upon his books against each property mentioned in said statement the amount therein charged respectively to said property which shall constitute a lien on the particular parcel of property against which the same shall be so assessed and it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer to notify each of the said owners of the amount so charged against his property and to proceed to collect such amount in the same way and manner as taxes are collected for the County.*