

this section shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for Wicomico County within ten days after the final ratification of any assessment by the council.

(f) All charges remaining unpaid after a reasonable period, to be determined by the council, shall become liens on the property and shall be collectible as are other city taxes.

(g) Special assessments may be made payable in annual or more frequent installments over such period of time and in such manner as the council may decide.

(h) All special assessments levied under this section shall be billed and collected by the department of finance.

ARTICLE XIV CONDEMNATION

143. Procedure. The City of Salisbury shall have the power to condemn any property, right or interest, belonging to any person, persons, corporation or corporations (whether such corporation be public or private, and whether such property, right or interest be impressed with a prior public or quasi-public use or not) for the purpose of making public improvements. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN SEWERS, DRAINS, DISPOSAL PLANTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, WATER SYSTEMS, WATER WORKS, WATER AND WATER COURSES, RIGHTS OF WAY, STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS AND SIDEWALKS. PARKS, MARKETS, BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS. The manner of procedure in case of any condemnation proceedings shall be that established in Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Eminent Domain," except that for the purpose of relocating, opening, widening and closing of streets, alleys and public highways the following additional procedure is authorized:

(1) The council may, upon its own motion, or at the suggestion of the mayor, or at the instance of any citizen or citizens, of Salisbury, if he sees fit so to do, by order, motion, resolution, or ordinance, determine to undertake any improvement which is authorized to make, and shall thereupon direct the city engineer, or some other competent person, to prepare a map or plat of the proposed improvement. The validity of the proceedings shall in no measure depend upon the taking of this preliminary step, it being intended merely as a means of placing before the council accurate information as to the work to be done.