

of assessable front feet owned, abutting on the streets where same are constructed or are about to be constructed or reconstructed, provided that when property fronts or abuts on two or more streets, where such improvements are made, or about to be made, the abutting front feet shall be computed for the purpose of assessment hereunder as one-half of the total feet abutting on said improvements.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That such assessment when made shall constitute a tax or lien upon such abutting property with priority over all recorded liens, and shall be payable in ten (10) equal installments from the date of said assessment, said installments to bear interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum (6%); and any assessment or part thereof remaining due and unpaid shall be enforced and collected by the District Heights Commission in the same manner as town taxes are collected, provided the District Heights Commission shall give two weeks notice to the owners of all abutting property, by advertisement published at least once a week in one or more newspapers published in Prince George's County, Maryland, which has a circulation in the Town of District Heights, which advertisement shall state the date on which such assessment shall be made and warning all abutting owners to appear at the time and place stated in said advertisement or notice, to show cause, if any there be, why said assessment should not be made as proposed. Any person aggrieved by the action of the District Heights Commission shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, provided such appeal is taken within ten (10) days next succeeding the day on which said assessment is made.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the District Heights Commission shall give prior consideration to the construction or reconstruction of streets, roadways, alleys, curbs, sidewalks, gutters and storm water sewers as provided for herein whenever the owners of fifty-one per centum (51%) of the property, where property shall abut upon such streets, shall petition the said District Heights Commission to that effect, but the District Heights Commission shall have the discretion and final determination as to the construction or reconstruction of all of said work notwithstanding such petition.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act and any bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued hereunder shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 33 to 36, inclusive, of Article 31, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939).