

WHEREAS, In 1836 a copy of the original plat of Charlestown was made by one John Janney, and although it apparently was not made under public authority, there are copies of it still in use and it corresponds exactly with the original map in all the particulars set forth in the aforementioned certificate of John Veazy, Deputy Surveyor; and

WHEREAS, The owners of the several lots in said Town have over the years failed to confine their properties within the bounds as shown on said plat, but on the contrary have exceeded their proper bounds, particularly along the streets and alleys, and have in fact encroached upon the streets and alleys of said Town, and as a result the streets of said Town as presently used are not of the full width called for in the original survey of said Town; furthermore, if those property owners who have so encroached on said streets were required to give up all the land so held by them to which they have no legal title, irreparable harm would be done to them; and

WHEREAS, A great majority of property owners in said Town are now aware of the fact that because of the encroachment upon the streets and alleys of the Town as originally laid out, they may not have a good and merchantable fee simple title to all the land of which the several property owners are presently in possession; and

WHEREAS, There has resulted a number of disputes between property owners, and between property owners and the Town officials over property lines and street lines, and in order to establish the street lines and the property lines of the 200 lots of the Town proper, and at the same time endeavor to arrive at a solution insofar as the present location of streets in the Town are concerned, and to protect or assure to the several property owners the land, or so much thereof as is practicable, which they now occupy, but which encroaches on the streets as originally laid out, the Town engaged the services of a reputable firm of civil engineers, who have made a complete survey of the Town establishing the original lines of the 200 lots and the streets and alleys, as accurately as possible; they have endeavored by their survey to show to what extent the several present property owners have encroached upon said streets of said Town; and after considering these factors and at the same time giving consideration to the present width and location of the streets in said Town as determined by present usage, a fair and feasible plan of streets, uniform in width, but of considerably less width than originally laid out, has