

being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Additional Powers—Streets, Sidewalks, etc.", relating to the assessments levied to cover the cost of sidewalk construction in the Town of Kensington, the collection of said assessments, and generally to sidewalk construction in the Town of Kensington.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 110-14 of the Montgomery County Code (1950 Edition), being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Additional Powers—Streets, Sidewalks, etc.", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

110-14. To establish the grades of the streets, gutters and sidewalks of said town, fix the width thereof and describe the material of which they shall be constructed, to cause the sidewalks along the public streets to be graded, paved, repaved or improved, and the Council of the town of Kensington shall have power to lay sidewalks in said town, and [shall] *may* assess the cost thereof as follows: Two-thirds thereof against the abutting property owner or owners, and one-third thereof against all the assessable property in the corporate limits of said town. [and] *The Council of said town of Kensington may assess less than two-thirds of the cost of laying any such sidewalk against the abutting property owner or owners in any case in which said Council determines that said abutting property is not primarily benefited by the construction of said sidewalk and the remaining fraction of said cost shall be assessed against all the assessable property in the corporate limits of said town; the proportion of the assessments against said abutting property owner or owners in such case shall conform as nearly as possible to the proportion of the benefit derived by said abutting property owner or owners from the construction of said sidewalk. The said tax so assessed shall become a lien against the taxable property in said town, two-thirds or less thereof against the property owner or owners whose property shall abut on said sidewalks, and one-third or more thereof against all the taxable property in the corporate limits of said town, and the said tax so assessed against the abutting property and the said tax so assessed against all the property in the corporate limits of said town for sidewalk improvements may be recovered at law or in the manner provided by law for the collection of delinquent State and county taxes, or said Council of said*