

*and sent by registered mail to the last known address of the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation. If the name of the owner of the property be unknown, or the owner be a non-resident of Prince George's County, notice of the proposed assessment and of the date and place of the hearing shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in some newspaper having general circulation in the County. At the hearing, unless good cause to the contrary be shown, the Mayor and Town Council shall have authority to levy the reasonable costs incurred by the town, together with the expense of advertising, as a special tax against the property. The assessment shall be certified by the town clerk to the town treasurer, to be added to the annual tax bill against the property to be collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes are collected and subject to the same interest and penalty for non-payment as provided by law for the non-payment of town taxes. Such special tax shall constitute a lien against the property from the date of the assessment until paid.*

SEC. 2. *An be it further enacted, That this Act shall not become effective until it shall first be submitted to the legally qualified voters of the Town of Forest Heights at the next regular election held in said town. There shall be printed on the ballot to be used at said election the title of this Act and underneath said title, on separate lines, a square or box or lever to the right of and opposite the words "For Abatement of Nuisance on Vacant Lots", and a corresponding square or box or lever to the right of and opposite the words "Against Abatement of Nuisance on Vacant Lots", so that the voters shall be able to designate his or her decision for or against said Act. If a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be "For Abatement of Nuisance on Vacant Lots", then this Act shall become immediately effective, but if a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be "Against Abatement of Nuisance on Vacant Lots", then this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.*

Approved April 6, 1953.