

amended by Chapter 252 of the Laws of 1953, title "Public Works", sub-title "Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks and Storm Water Drainage", to include "roads" within the terms and provisions of said section pertaining to construction and financing of highway improvements.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 314 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition), as amended by Chapter 252 of the Laws of 1953, title "Public Works", sub-title "Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks and Storm Water Drainage" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

314. (a) The Roads Engineer of Baltimore County is hereby authorized and empowered to order, require and direct the owner of any ground bounding on any of the roads, highways, streets, avenues, or alleys in Baltimore County to grade, lay out, dig down, fill up, pave, repave, construct, reconstruct, repair, extend, widen, straighten and improve roads, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and footways in accordance with such reasonable plans and specifications as may be required by said Roads Engineer. Any work required of a property owner shall be done at the expense of the property owner after receipt of notice from the Roads Engineer to perform said work. Such notice shall specify the work to be done with reference to roads, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and footways, the manner of doing said work and the materials to be used therein. The notice of aforesaid shall be given or served on the owner of the lot along whose boundaries work is required to be done on, in or about a road, curb, gutter, footway or sidewalk in any one of the following manners, viz: The said order or a copy thereof may be served personally on the owner thereof, any tenant of the property, or any agent, trustee or guardian of the owner, or left at his place of residence, or a copy of such order may be published once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County. Any notice served or published in any of the modes aforesaid shall be deemed and taken as legally sufficient and binding. Any person feeling aggrieved by the terms and conditions of such notice may apply to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for a hearing with reference thereto, and shall be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with same. At such hearing the Commissioners may revise, alter, affirm or rescind the direction of the Roads Engineer, in whole or in part, and their decision shall be final.

Upon the failure of a property owner to comply with any notice, within the time limited in said notice, which shall be not less than twenty days from the date of service or from the date of first publication, the Roads Engineer by and with the consent of the County Commissioners, may procure the performance of such work either with his own force or by contract. The cost and expense of such work, including the cost of giving any notice, shall be certified to the County Treasurer by the County Commissioners, shall be a lien on said property in the same manner as taxes; and shall be collectible in the manner provided by law for the collection of taxes, except that such charges and assessments are benefit charges and shall not be subject to any limitation.

The Commissioners may by appropriate order, upon application, provide for the payment of any assessment in annual installments not exceeding five in number, on such terms and conditions as may be