

urer, and shall have all of the priorities and lien rights of county taxes. Whenever the Board of County Commissioners shall be required to make any special assessment against abutting land for street improvement, whether for the construction ~~and/or reconstruction~~ of roadways, sidewalks, curbs or gutters and/or storm drainage, any or all of them, and such lot is located at the intersection of two streets and is what is known as a corner lot, the Board of County Commissioners shall have the power to make an assessment for the number of feet in the front of such lot, where the said improvement abuts on the front of such lot, and in case the improvement abuts on the side of such a lot, the assessment made for such improvement against the lot shall be for one-half of the number of linear feet of the side of said lot, not to exceed a total exemption of fifty linear feet, and for the purpose of assessment the short side of such lot shall be considered the front of such lot, and in cases where the two sides are equal, the Board of County Commissioners shall determine which is front and which is the side of such lot, and such determination shall be final and conclusive; and, provided, that in cases of lots abutting on more than two streets and of lots of irregular or unusual shape, and in cases of lots abutting on two or more streets where in one or more of such streets, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters or storm drainage and street improvements, or any or all, have been or are about to be, constructed under such circumstances as not to subject such lots to a special assessment by the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of County Commissioners shall have full power and authority to adjust assessments to be made against such lots for the cost of improvements herein authorized abutting such lots to such an amount as shall be just and equitable, and the cost of improvements thus exempted shall be included in the assessments to be made against the abutting property included in the project, and such adjustments as may be made by the Board of County Commissioners shall be final and conclusive.

(c) The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized, when in its judgment it is deemed expedient and necessary, to construct, ~~reconstruct~~, maintain and operate a system for the control and disposition of surface waters within the boundaries of Prince George's County and for such purpose said Board is given all of the power and authority, including the right to condemn, and the right and authority to negotiate with any public agency and to make contracts with such agencies, including the government of the United States or any bureau or department thereof, PROVIDED THAT A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A SYSTEM SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SIGNED BY THE OWNERS OF AT LEAST 20% OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE AREA AFFECTED.

(d) The said Board, in the exercise of its discretion may define and identify the specific areas in which said construction, ~~reconstruction~~, maintenance, and operation of said systems shall be put into effect. The Board upon petition, or its own motion may determine that the creation of said areas are in the interest of public health, welfare and safety and are in need of a storm water or surface drainage system.

(e) The Board of County Commissioners may, upon its own motion, OR BY REFERENDUM IF THE SAID BOARD SHOULD SO DETERMINE, establish, within the boundaries of Prince George's Coun-