

*Section 1.* BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, Town of Bladensburg, Md., That Section 3-56, titled, "PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, subtitle (f) Levy and collection of special assessment, p-79-80, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1963-Edition by Everstine, as amended, be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and to read as follows:

3-56(f) Levy and collection of special assessment. The Town shall have the right to levy and collect taxes in the form of special assessment upon property especially benefited by new street improvement and construction, new sidewalk construction, and by storm water and watershed drainage construction or parts thereof, and to provide for the payment of the cost of such projects from the proceeds of the special assessments. The cost of any such project shall include the direct costs thereof as well as the cost of any land acquired for the project, the principal and the interest payments of bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued to obtain funds for such construction and the advertising, legal, administrative, engineering, surveying, inspection and miscellaneous fees and charges incurred in connection with the project.

The special assessment authorized by the provisions hereof shall be levied proportional against the parcels of land abutting the project, and shall be computed as the project of the assessable front footage of said property multiplied by the cost per unit foot of assessable front, except ~~(that where two or more sides of a parcel of land in a residential zone or upon which there is a dwelling house abut the project, the abutting front feet for such parcel shall be computed as the total of (1) one-half of the footage on the shorter of the several abutting sides or 32 feet whichever is less, plus (2) the footage on the longer side or sides, or where one side of a parcel in a residential zone or upon which there is a dwelling house has already been assessed on a full footage basis for the construction of an earlier projected and one or more sides of such parcel abut a new project the abutting front feet for the parcel with respect to the new project shall be computed as the footage abutting said project less one-half of the footage abutting the earlier constructed project or 32 feet, whichever figure is smaller, and the total assessable front foot of the project shall reflect any such adjustment which may be made in the specified situation.)~~

THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS ON A CORNER LOT OR LOTS SHALL PAY THE COST OF CURB, GUTTER, STREET, AND/OR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE PROPERTY, EITHER FRONT OR SIDE, BUT NOT LESS THAN FORTY (40) FEET. IN THE EVENT THAT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY HAS PREVIOUSLY PAID AN ASSESSMENT ON LESS THAN FORTY (40) FEET OF THE SPECIFIC CORNER LOT, THE OWNER SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR THE DIFFERENCE TO MAKE A TOTAL OF FORTY (40) FEET. IN CASES OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AREAS, AND UPON BRIDGES, AND TOWN PUBLIC PROPERTY BEING INVOLVED IN NEW STREET AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AT ITS DISCRETION MAY PARTICIPATE FINANCIALLY TO SATISFY ANY REASONABLE DISPUTE WITH REGARDS TO SETTLEMENT OF FRONT FOOT BENEFITS, AND ANY FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE AMOUNT SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE ASSESSMENT FOR CALCULATION PURPOSES. Such assessment shall constitute a lien against the abutting property and shall be payable in cash or in equal installments,