

be prepared a Plat of the Metropolitan District as heretofore created and enlarged and the same shall be recorded and copies of said plat shall be filed in the manner set forth hereinafter.

Whenever thirty (30) property owners or the majority of property owners residing in any locality in Howard County (joint owners of a single piece of property shall be counted as one owner for purposes of the same) shall in writing petition the Director of Public Works to have said locality, the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition, incorporated within said Metropolitan District, the Director of Public Works shall have prepared an appropriate Council Bill to effect the said locality as an addition to the Metropolitan District, and the Director of Public Works shall cause a plat of the locality to be made. After such plat has been completed and the said Council Bill introduced, the Director of Public Works shall give notice by publication in at least one newspaper published in the County for each of three consecutive weeks and by handbills posted in such locality which is proposed to be incorporated in the Metropolitan District, and the notice shall state the proposed boundaries of said locality to be incorporated in the Metropolitan District and shall further state therein that a plat of the proposed locality may be inspected at the office of the Director of Public Works and that any person interested in the proposed incorporation of the locality into the Metropolitan District will be heard by the County Council, pursuant to its rules and regulations, at a time specified in said notice. Upon the passage of the Ordinance by the County Council, the Director of Public Works shall cause final plats of the locality to be made. One copy of said plat shall be filed in the Office of the Director of Public Works, one in a plat book entitled "Howard County Metropolitan District", in the office where the records of Howard County are kept; and upon the effective date of said County Council Ordinance, the said locality as shown on said plat shall be and the same is hereby designated and constituted for the purposes for this subtitle to be incorporated into the Metropolitan District and shall be subject to all of the provisions of those sections affecting special taxes as to the Metropolitan District.

17.202—Procedure for Establishment or extension of existing Water and Sewer service—Initiation by Department of Public Works.

(a) The Director of the Department of Public Works AND PUBLIC WORKS BOARD shall prepare annually and shall present to the Public Works Board a five-year planning objective survey for the orderly extension of water and sewer service within the Metropolitan District FOR EACH YEAR'S CURRENT PROGRAM. The Director of the Department of Public Works shall make or have made preliminary surveys, preliminary plans, and estimates for the establishment or extension of water and sewer systems in those portions of Metropolitan District wherein such systems are necessary. Whenever such preliminary plans are completed and construction or extension of such system is contemplated the Director of Public Works shall give notice by publication as provided in Section 17.218 of a public hearing to be held by the Public Works Board.

(b) The said notice by publication shall state the extent of the improvements, the proposed area to be served, the probable cost thereof, and that the preliminary plans and cost estimates of the improvements are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Public Works during regular business hours, and also specifying a time and place for a public hearing before the Public Works Board when persons interested in the improvements may appear and be heard for or against the proposed extensions.