

have been no such proceedings, by a judge of a court of law in a county in which any part of the premises is located.

(d) *Responsibility for payment of taxes.*—After taxes have been adjusted as provided in subsection (b) hereof, it shall be the responsibility of the condemnor to pay the entire tax bill on the property taken as well as the property remaining to the condemnee, if any, less any allowable readjustments or abatements, within thirty (30) days from the date such adjustment is made and in the event the condemnor does not pay said taxes within this time, the condemnee may pay same and recover the amount so paid from the condemnor, together with interest thereon from the date of payment, as a common debt.

(e) *“Taxes” includes benefit charges assessed by special taxing district.*—In addition to any other meaning of the word taxes, for the purpose of this section the word taxes also shall include all annual benefit charges assessed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission or other special taxing district which are collected as taxes and they shall be apportioned over the entire period of the assessment and paid as above set forth for other taxes.

12-112. Rights and Liabilities of Civil Engineers, Surveyors, etc.; Damaging or Removing Marker, etc.

(a) *Right of entry; right to set stakes, etc.*—Civil engineers, land surveyors and their assistants acting on behalf of the State or of any of its instrumentalities or of any body politic or corporate having the power of eminent domain have the right:

(1.) *To enter upon any private land to make surveys, to run lines or levels, or to obtain information relating to the acquisition or future public use of the property or for any governmental report, undertaking, or improvement, and*

(2.) *To set stakes, markers, monuments, or other suitable landmarks or reference points where necessary.*

(b) *Order to permit entry.*—If any civil engineer, surveyor, or assistant to a civil engineer or surveyor is refused permission to enter or remain upon any private land for the purposes set out in subsection (a) hereof, any such person, or the State or its instrumentality, or the body politic or corporate upon whose behalf such person is acting may apply to a law court of the county in which the property or any part thereof is located for an order directing that such person be permitted to enter upon and remain upon such land to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes authorized by this section. Any person having knowledge of such order who obstructs any civil engineer, surveyor, or assistant to a civil engineer or surveyor who is acting under authority of such order may be punished as for contempt of the court.

(c) *Damage to or destruction of property.*—If any civil engineer, surveyor, or assistant to a civil engineer or surveyor who has entered upon any private land under the authority of this section or of any court order passed pursuant thereto, damages or destroys any real or personal property thereon, the owner of such property shall have a cause of action for such damages against such civil engineer, surveyor, or assistant and against the State, its instrumentality, or the body politic or corporate upon whose behalf the person inflicting such damage was acting.