

Article 9 - Charles County

104-14.

(A) IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER POWERS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS ALONG ALL OR ANY PART OF THE STREETS, LANES, ALLEYS, AND PUBLIC WAYS OF THE COUNTY, AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE COSTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS PROVIDED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID BY ~~AD-VALOREM-TAXES~~ A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE AREA DISTRICT TO BE SERVED BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS.

(C) A SIDEWALK DISTRICT MAY BE CREATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH TIME THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS WITHIN THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK DISTRICT SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

(D) NOTICE OF THE HEARING SHALL BE:

(1) NOT MORE THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA WHERE THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK DISTRICT IS TO BE LOCATED; AND

(2) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING, MAILED TO THE OWNER OF RECORD OF EACH PARCEL OF PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE:

(I) INCLUDED IN THE SIDEWALK DISTRICT; AND

(II) SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS.

(E) FOLLOWING THE HEARING, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ESTABLISH THE SIDEWALK DISTRICT AND LEVY ON ALL PROPERTY THAT IS SUBJECT TO ORDINARY COUNTY TAXES AND LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT ~~AD-VALOREM-TAXES-AT-A-RATE-SUFFICIENT-TO-PAY~~ A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OVER A 15-YEAR PERIOD TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SIDEWALKS.

(F) ALL SUCH ~~TAXES~~ SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED IN THE SAME MANNER, ON THE SAME ASSESSMENTS, FOR THE SAME PERIOD OR PERIODS, AND AS OF THE SAME DATE OR DATES OF FINALITY AS ARE PRESCRIBED BY LAW.