

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain powers of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners with regard to the maintenance of sidewalks in Washington County; authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the maintenance of sidewalks in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 1-503
Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 22 - Washington County

1-503.

(a) The County Commissioners, in addition to but not in substitution of the powers which have been or may be granted them, may require the installation AND MAINTENANCE of sidewalks along the public streets and highways of the county, except in incorporated municipalities of the county. The Commissioners may require that they be graded, paved, [repaired or improved] REPAIRED, IMPROVED, OR MAINTAINED, with curbs to be set and gutters laid, at the cost and expense of the abutting real property or the owner; or compel by fine or otherwise the owner or proprietor of any lot or parcel of land to [pave or repair] PAVE, REPAIR, OR MAINTAIN sidewalks or footways and to set curbs and lay gutters in front of the sidewalks.

(b) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SNOW OR ICE REMOVAL OR OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS OR HAZARDS OF SIDEWALKS.

(2) The County Commissioners, before proceeding to carry out the provisions of this section, shall notify every owner in front of whose property they propose to do any grading, paving, setting of curb, laying of gutters, or repairing and shall allow the owners 30 days to perform the work under the direction of the County Commissioners. If the owners fail or refuse to complete the work by the expiration date on the notice, the County Commissioners may perform the work and its cost shall be assessed against the owners in front of whose property the work was performed.

[(2)] (3) Whenever the County Commissioners have determined, under the provisions of this section, the exact amount of cost for which any property or the owners have been liable for work done or repairs made, they shall deliver to the