

Commission according to what is known as the decimal plan; provided, that the expense of each number plate required to be furnished as aforesaid shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five cents, the expense to be paid by the owner or occupier of the premises; and any owner or occupier shall have the privilege of replacing any number plate so furnished with another, provided the same number be retained.

403. Any person who shall refuse to permit the number plate so placed on his premises by the Highways Commission to be and remain thereon, or who shall alter, deface or remove such number plate, except as provided in the preceding section, shall forfeit and pay a fine of ten dollars for every such offense, to be recovered as other fines are directed to be recovered by law.

404. The Highways Commission shall have full power and authority to grade, regulate and keep in repair the footways or sidewalks of all open and traveled streets, avenues and alleys in Baltimore county according to and in conformity with such rules and regulations as are recognized in and provided for in article 4 of the Code of Public Laws, title "City of Baltimore," and the ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, passed in conformity therewith, for the construction, grading and keeping repair of footways or sidewalks in the city of Baltimore.

405. The Highways Commission is hereby authorized and directed, in all cases where the owner of ground fronting on any of the streets, avenues or alleys in Baltimore county cannot be found at the time when footways or sidewalks of said streets, avenues or alleys are out of order, to cause to be published in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore county, once a week for three successive weeks, and in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore city, once a week for three successive weeks, that the footways or sidewalks in front of the ground or premises referred to and specified in said advertisements are out of order or in want of repair, and to cause to be published a notice of their intentions, or by personal service of said notice on the owner, to have said footways or sidewalks paved, repaved or repaired, as the case may be; and in case said footways or sidewalks in front of said grounds or premises as set out in said notice shall not be paved, repaved or repaired within the time specified in said notice published as aforesaid, the said Highways Commissioners shall appoint one examiner or three examiners, as the case may be, to take charge of and have said footways or sidewalks paved or repaired; but the said examiner or examiners, before proceeding so to do, shall make an estimate of the