

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1872.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 181.**CHAP. 181.**

An act to amend the charter of the city of Biddeford.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The city council of the city of Biddeford may require the owner of any lot of ground fronting on any street or way in said city to cause the foot way or side walks in front of said lot to be paved with brick or flat stones, with suitable curb-stones, or to be covered with plank or other suitable materials, as they may deem proper, the same to be done under the direction and to the approbation of the committee on streets. If the owner of such lot shall refuse or neglect to pave or cover such side walk or foot way to the satisfaction of said committee for the space of thirty days after he or the tenant of such lot shall have been thereto required by the commissioner of streets, it shall then be the duty of said commissioner to procure the same to be done, and the city shall have a lien on the property for the expenses thereof, to be enforced as in the following section: the city council before requiring any such side walk or foot way to be paved or covered, shall by a general ordinance assume a portion of said expense to an amount not less than one-third thereof, to be paid by the city in money or materials.

City council of Biddeford may require sidewalks to be built by proprietors of lots.

Penalty in case of neglect.

City to assume one-third expense.

SECT. 2. The mayor and aldermen of said city may assess upon the owner of said lot the amount of said expense not assumed by said city, and shall give notice thereof to said owner if an inhabitant of said city, by giving him in hand or leaving at his last and usual place of abode, a copy of said assessment; or if not an inhabitant of said city, by publishing the same three weeks successively in one paper published in said city. All assessments made under the provisions of this section shall constitute a lien upon said lot for two years after they are laid. They shall be certified by the mayor and aldermen under their hands to the treasurer and collector of said city and his successors, with directions to collect the same according to law, and may with all costs and expenses be levied by sale of said lot by him or them if the assessment is not paid within three months after a written demand of payment made by him or them, either upon the person assessed, his agent or tenant, or in case neither can be found in said city in three months after notice of said assessment published in one of the papers in said city. Such sale to be conducted in the same manner as sales for the non-payment of taxes on land of resident owners and with a similar right of redemption.

Expense of building sidewalk, how recovered.

Lot may be sold to pay expenses of walk, &c.

Sale, how conducted.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 29, 1872.