

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO LAY OUT, OPEN, OR IMPROVE STREETS IN SAID CITY, APPROVED JANUARY 31, 1870. WITH THE AMENDMENT THERETO, APPROVED JANUARY 16, 1872.

*The People of the State of California,*

*represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Whenever a petition shall be presented to the Council of the City of Oakland, signed by at least three residents and freeholders of said city, each of whom shall be directly interested in the property to be affected thereby, asking for the laying out, opening, extending, straightening, or widening any street or highway in said city, it shall be the duty of the said Council to examine into said matter, and if, in the opinion of a majority of all the members elected to said Council, to be expressed by a resolution to be entered upon their minutes with the names of the members voting therefor, the benefits to arise from granting said petition, in whole or in part, will exceed the damages and expenses to be caused thereby, and the convenience of the public will thereby be promoted, they may by resolution direct the City Engineer to survey and make a map of the said proposed improvement and of the premises to be affected thereby, a copy of which resolution shall forthwith be transmitted by the Clerk of said Council to said City Engineer.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the City Engineer, upon receiving such notice, to proceed and survey said proposed improvement, to make a map thereof, showing the location, boundaries, the amount of land necessary to be taken, and the names of the owners or possessors thereof, showing the portions owned or possessed by each, and to return the same to the Council within ten days after the receipt of said resolution by him, unless longer time shall be granted by said Council therefor.

SEC. 3. Upon receiving said map and return from the said Engineer, the said Council shall forthwith give notice of not less than five days, by publication in not less than two daily newspapers, if there be so many published in said city, of the time and place where they will hear all parties desiring to show cause against the said improvement. At the time and place designated in such notice, or at such subsequent time as the Council may adjourn to—but such adjournment shall not, in the aggregate, exceed seven days—the said Council shall proceed with such hearing.

SEC. 4. If no objections be made, or if, after hearing the objections thereto, the Council shall remain of the opinion that such improvement should be made, they shall elect, by ballot, three Commissioners, residents and property owners in said city, not interested, directly or indirectly, in the proposed improvement, or in the property to be affected thereby, to assess the damages and benefits to be caused by said improvement. Within two days thereafter, said Commissioners shall give notice of the time and place where they will proceed to examine the prop-

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