

the Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster, its successors or assigns, then the matter of such increase of rates shall be submitted to three arbitrators to decide (first) if any proposed increase in rate should be made, and, if said arbitrators decide an increase in any such rate should be made, (second) to determine what would be a fair and reasonable increased rate; and the decision of said arbitrators shall be binding and effective on the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster and the said Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster, its successors and assigns, and may be enforced by any proceeding at law or in equity or by ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council.

SEC. 228. And the said three arbitrators shall be residents and qualified voters of the city of Westminster, at least thirty years of age, and owners of assessed property within the corporation limits of Westminster to the amount of at least \$1,000; and the said Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall name one of said arbitrators and the said The Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster, its successors or assigns, shall name the second arbitrator, and the two arbitrators thus appointed shall name the third arbitrator on their appointment and before any hearing is begun. If any arbitrator appointed as aforesaid shall die, refuse to act, or be disqualified, the vacancy so occasioned shall be filled by the appointment of an arbitrator in the same manner as the one so dying, refusing to act or disqualified was appointed.

SEC. 229. Every arbitrator so appointed shall, before he enters upon the duties of such office, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County: "That I will, to the best of my judgment and skill, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of arbitrator and perform its duties imposed by my appointment; and that I will not, directly or indirectly, receive any reward or compensation for the discharge of said duties except as may be agreed upon by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster and the Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster;" and every arbitrator shall qualify by taking this oath or affirmation as herein provided within ten days from the date of his appointment; and his failure to so qualify shall disqualify him within the meaning of the last preceding section.

STREETS OPENING.

SEC. 230. They shall have power to provide for laying out, opening and extending, or widening or closing, straightening, in whole or in part, any street, alley or square in the city, and