

municipality. Thereupon by resolution, the Board of Aldermen may approve and adopt or may reject such plat or may modify it. In the resolution of adoption of a plat the Board of Aldermen shall fix the period of time for which the street locations shown upon the plat shall be deemed reserved for future taking or acquisition for public use. Upon such adoption the Board of Aldermen shall transmit one attested copy of the plat to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County and retain one copy for the purpose of public examination and hearings of claims for compensation. Such approval and adoption of a plat shall not, however, be deemed the opening or establishment of any street, nor the taking of any land for street purposes, nor for public use, nor as a public improvement, but solely as a reservation of the street locations shown thereon, for the period specified in the Board of Aldermen resolution, for future taking or acquisition for public use. The commission may, at any time, negotiate for or secure from the owner or owners of any such lands releases of claims for damages or compensation for such reservations or agreements indemnifying the municipality from such claims by others, which releases or agreements shall be binding upon the owner or owners executing the same and their successors in title. At any time after the filing of a plat with the county recorder, and during the period specified for the reservation, the planning commission and the owner of any land containing a reserved street location may agree upon a modification of the location of the lines of the proposed street, such agreement to include a release by said owner of any claim for compensation or damages by reason of such modification; and thereupon the commission may make a plat corresponding to the said modification and transmit same to the Board of Aldermen; and if such modified plat be approved by the Board of Aldermen, they shall transmit an attested copy thereof to the said county recorder, and said modified plat shall take the place of the original plat. At any time the Board of Aldermen may, by resolution, abandon any reservation and shall certify any such abandonment to the said Clerk of the Court for Frederick County.

SEC. 19. *Be it enacted*, That in the resolution of adoption of a plat the Board of Aldermen shall appoint a board of three appraisers and shall fix the time and place of meetings for hearings by said board upon the amounts of compensation to be paid for such reservations. Thereupon the Board of Aldermen shall publish in at least two newspapers of gen-