

February 10, 1904.  
[H. R. 8688.]

**CHAP. 155.**—An Act To transfer jurisdiction of reservation numbered thirty-two, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

[Public, No. 18.]

District of Columbia.  
Jurisdiction, etc., of  
reservation No. 32  
transferred to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the jurisdiction and control of public reservation numbered thirty-two, bounded by Pennsylvania avenue, Fourteenth street, E street, and Thirteen-and-a-half street northwest, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, is hereby transferred from the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in order to provide a suitable approach to the new District building to be located fronting said reservation.

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[H. R. 10421.]

**CHAP. 156.**—An Act To provide for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 19.]

District of Columbia.  
Removal of snow  
and ice from im-  
proved sidewalks, etc.  
Tenant or occupant,  
of premises to have  
snow removed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be the duty of every tenant or occupant of any lot or lots of ground within the fire limits of the District of Columbia improved by a house or building adjacent to any improved sidewalk, within the first four hours of daylight after the ceasing of any fall of snow, to cause said snow to be removed from the paved sidewalk adjacent to such lot or lots to the extent in length to which said lot or lots abut thereon and to the extent in breadth of not less than six feet, and if such improved sidewalk be not of such width, then to the extent of the width thereof; and in the event any snow that may have fallen shall, before its removal, become so hardened by freezing or otherwise that it can not be removed without great difficulty, or if at any time ice shall have formed on any such improved sidewalk by the freezing of rain, hail, melted snow, or in any other manner, it shall be the duty of such tenant or occupant, within the first four hours of daylight thereafter, to sprinkle, or cause such snow or ice, to the extent aforesaid, to be sprinkled with sand, sawdust, or other such substance. And for any violation of the provisions of this section such tenant or occupant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of five dollars and costs or by imprisonment in the workhouse of the District of Columbia not exceeding five days, and by an additional fine of five dollars and costs or by additional imprisonment in the workhouse of the District of Columbia not exceeding five days for each additional twenty-four hours after the expiration of the time hereinbefore provided that such tenant or occupant shall suffer or permit such snow or ice to remain without being sprinkled or removed as hereinbefore provided.

Ice-covered walks  
to be sprinkled with  
sand, etc.

Penalty.

Commissioners to  
remove snow in front  
of public property,  
etc.

Ice or hardened  
snow on sidewalks,  
etc., to be sprinkled  
with sand, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as soon as practicable after the ceasing of any fall of snow or after the accumulation of ice on the paved sidewalks of the District of Columbia in front of and adjacent to public buildings, public squares, and public reservations in the said District owned or leased by said District, to cause such snow or ice to be removed, and also to cause the same to be removed from all cross walks of improved streets and places of intersection of alleys with improved sidewalks; but in the event of inability to remove such accumulation of snow or ice by reason of the hardening thereof, it shall be their duty, as soon as practicable, to cause such paved sidewalks, cross walks, and places of intersection of alleys with improved sidewalks to be sprinkled with sand, sawdust, or other such material.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the owner or owners of every vacant or unimproved lot within the fire limits of the District of Columbia fronting or abutting upon a paved sidewalk, within the first four hours of daylight after the ceasing of any fall of snow, as set forth in section one hereof, to cause such snow to be removed from the paved sidewalk in front of such lot or lots in the same manner, and to the same extent, and subject to the same penalty as provided in said section; and in the event any snow that may have fallen shall, before its removal, become so hardened by freezing or otherwise that it can not be removed without great difficulty, or if at any time ice shall have formed on any such sidewalk by the freezing of rain, hail, melted snow, or in any other manner, it shall be the duty of such owner or owners, within the first four hours of daylight thereafter, to sprinkle, or cause such frozen snow or ice, to the extent aforesaid, to be sprinkled with sand or sawdust or other such substance; and for failure to do so such owner or owners shall be subject to the same penalty provided in section one of this Act.

Vacant lots. Owners of, to remove snow on abutting sidewalks.

Ice or hardened snow.

Penalty. *Ante*, p. 12.

SEC. 4. That in the event of the failure of any such owner or owners of any vacant or unimproved lot to cause the removal of such snow or ice, or to sprinkle the same as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as soon as practicable after the expiration of the time herein provided for the removal or sprinkling thereof, to cause the snow or ice in front of such lot to be removed or to cause the same to be sprinkled as hereinbefore directed to be done by such owner or owners; and upon each and every such removal or sprinkling by them they shall assess the sum of one dollar against each such lot, and where any such lot has a frontage in excess of twenty-five feet an additional sum of one dollar for each additional frontage of twenty-five feet or fractional part thereof, which said assessment shall be a lien on such lot when entered of record on the tax records of the District of Columbia, and to continue until paid, and shall be added to the general tax annually levied on such lot, and shall be collected in the same manner and as part of such general tax: *Provided, however*, That such removal or sprinkling by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and assessment therefor, shall not relieve the owner or occupant from the penalty hereinbefore provided for failure to remove or sprinkle such snow or ice.

Removal, etc., by Commissioners on failure of owner.

Assessments against unimproved, etc., lots.

*Proviso.* Assessments not to relieve owners from penalties.

SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of every owner of any unimproved or nontenanted improved lot or lots, and of the tenant or occupant of any improved lot or lots of ground in the District of Columbia, within three days after notice to do so by the Commissioners, to cause to be cleaned off and removed all dirt, sand, gravel, or other refuse matter that may fall, wash, or be placed upon any paved sidewalk adjacent to such lot or lots in the District of Columbia, subject to the same penalty provided in section one of this Act.

Removal of dirt, etc., by owners.

Notice.

*Ante*, p. 12.

SEC. 6. That in the event of failure on the part of any owner, tenant, or occupant of any improved or unimproved lot or lots of ground in the District of Columbia to comply with the provisions of the preceding section of this Act within five days after the notice hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District to cause the removal of such accumulation of dirt, sand, gravel, or other refuse matter; and upon any and every such removal by them they shall make an assessment on account thereof at the same rates and under the same provisions named in section four of this Act.

Removal of dirt, etc., by Commissioners.

Assessment. *Supra*.

SEC. 7. That, to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to comply with the provisions of sections four and six of this Act, the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, one-half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropri-

Appropriation. One-half from District revenues.

*Proviso.*  
Assessments to constitute a continuous fund.

ated: *Provided, however,* That all assessments collected under the provisions of this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the appropriation herein made, and shall form a continuous fund for the purpose of complying with the provisions of said sections four and six.

Prosecutions.

SEC. 8. That all prosecutions under this Act shall be in the police court of the District of Columbia, in the name of said District, and by its attorney or one of his assistants.

Prior act repealed.  
Vol. 29, p. 608.

SEC. 9. That the Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks, cross walks, and gutters in the District of Columbia," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

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[H. R. 7023.]

[Public, No. 20.]

District of Columbia.  
Height of nonfireproof residence buildings, etc., limited.  
Vol. 30, p. 922, amended.

**CHAP. 158.**—An Act To amend an Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section one of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting after the word "hotel," in the fourth line thereof, the words "or as a hospital or dormitory," so that said section will read as follows:

Hospitals and dormitories.  
Maximum height.

"That from and after the date of the approval of this Act no combustible or nonfireproof building intended to be used or occupied as a residence, or as an apartment house or hotel, or as a hospital or dormitory in the District of Columbia shall be erected to a height of more than five stories or raised to a height exceeding sixty feet above the sidewalk, the measurement to be made as hereinafter prescribed."

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[H. R. 7024.]

[Public, No. 21.]

District of Columbia.  
Commissioners to name streets outside of city limits.

**CHAP. 159.**—An Act To name streets, avenues, alleys, highways, and reservations in that part of the District of Columbia outside of the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to name or rename streets, avenues, alleys, highways, and reservations in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of the city of Washington, under such system of naming as they shall see fit to adopt, and such names when recorded in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia shall thereafter be the official names of such streets, avenues, alleys, highways, and reservations.

Abandoned streets, etc., revert to owners of abutting land.  
Vol. 27, p. 532.

SEC. 2. That upon the abandonment of any street, avenue, road, or highway, or part thereof, under the provisions of "An Act to provide a permanent system of highways in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of cities," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and the amendment thereto, approved June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the title to the land contained in such abandoned portion shall revert to the owners of the land abutting thereon.

Vol. 30, p. 520.

Repeal.

SEC. 3. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

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