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ARTICLE 2.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS**Sec. 6.10. Street maintenance; sidewalk paving and maintenance.**

The council may require the owner of or lessee of the land abutting upon any sidewalks to repair same at such owner's expense, and to require that the same be kept in good passable condition; or it may require the owners of property to pave at their own expense, the sidewalks immediately fronting said lot, or upon the failure of the owner after due notice to so pave such sidewalk, such work may be done by the town, and the cost thereof assessed against the lot immediately abutting said sidewalk, and such assessment shall be a lien against such abutting lot, collectible as and when the taxes for the next fiscal year are due.

Sec. 6.11. Sidewalk improvements; when petition unnecessary for assessment cost.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Charter or of any other laws, whenever the council shall find by a personal inspection by each member of the council that the public interest requires that a paved sidewalk is necessary by reason of heavy pedestrian traffic, or pedestrian safety, it may without petition order the making of such sidewalk improvement on one or both sides of such street, and assess the cost thereof against the abutting property in the same manner as such assessment would be made under petition. Whenever such improvement is made by authority of this section on only one side of a street, assessment may, if in the opinion of the council the abutting property on both sides of said street will be benefited by said improvement, be made against said abutting properties on each side of said street in the same manner as such assessment would be made if the improvement had been made on both sides. Before any order is made requiring such sidewalk improvement under the provisions of this section, the council of the Town of Chapel Hill shall give at least ten (10) days' written notice of such proposed action to each owner of property to be assessed at a public hearing to be held by the council for the purpose of considering such order at which all persons to be affected by said order shall be given the opportunity to be heard.

In ordering sidewalk improvements without a petition and in assessing the cost thereof under authority of this section, the council shall comply with the procedures provided by Article 10, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, except those provisions relating to the petition of property owners and the sufficiency thereof. The effect of the acts of levying and confirming assessments under authority of this section shall for all purposes be the same as if the assessments were levied and confirmed under authority of and pursuant to Article 10, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

Sec. 6.12. Street improvements when petition unnecessary, assessment of costs.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Charter or of any other laws, whenever there is an unimproved portion of a continuous street between improved portions thereof, or from an improved portion of said street to an improved street or where there is an unimproved street between improved parallel streets, or where a street has been paved with curb and gutter on one

side of the street and not on the other, and majority of the owners owning a majority of the lineal footage of property abutting the street or unimproved portion thereof, are unwilling or fail to petition for its improvements, and the council shall find by a personal inspection by each member of the council that the public interest requires that the paving and improvement of said street is necessary by reason of heavy traffic, safety, or is necessary in the public interest, the council may, without petition, order the making of such improvement and the assessment of the cost thereof against abutting property in the same manner as such assessment would be made upon petition, and in the event only one side of a street is to be improved, such assessment may be made against the property owners adjoining said side only. Before any order is made requiring such street improvement under the provisions of this section, the council of the town shall give at least ten (10) days' written notice of such proposed action to each owner of property to be assessed of a public hearing to be held by the council for the purpose of considering such orders at which all persons to be affected by said order shall be given the opportunity to be heard.

In ordering improvements without a petition and in assessing the costs thereof under authority of this section, the council shall comply with the procedure provided by Article 10, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or any statute amending or replacing it, except those provisions relating to the petition of property owners and the sufficiency thereof. The effect of the acts of levying and confirming assessments under authority of this section shall, for all purposes, be the same as if the assessments were levied and confirmed under authority of and pursuant to Article 10, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or any statute amending or replacing it.

Secs. 6.13--6.15. Reserved.