

**THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 215 of 1895**

**102.8 Improvement and repair of highways, streets, avenues, lanes, and alleys; street districts; sewer, water, and gas connections; liability for cost; penalty; special assessment.**

Sec. 8.

The council shall have power to grade, pave, plank, gravel, curb, and otherwise improve and repair the highways, streets, avenues, lanes, and alleys of the city; and for that purpose, and for defraying the expenses thereof, may divide the city into street districts. The term "paving" shall be deemed to include the construction of crosswalks, gutters, and curbing. Whenever any paving has been ordered upon any street or public highway in the city, it shall be the duty of any person owning any lot, or land, or premises adjoining to, or abutting upon such street, before the same shall be paved, to put in and lay all sewer, water, and gas connections in front of their land and premises, and carry the same from the pipe in the street to and beyond the curb line of the proposed pavement as the council shall determine to be necessary for the preservation of the proposed paving, when the same shall be laid and put down, and the connection shall be laid, made, and put in in the manner and at the time as directed by the council. In case the owner of such lot, land, or premises shall neglect or refuse to make, lay, or put in the connections at the time or in the manner prescribed by the council, then the council shall cause the same to be made, laid, or put in, and the respective owners of such lot, land, or premises shall be liable for the cost thereof, together with 10% in addition thereto as a penalty to be recovered by the city in an action of debt or assumpsit, or the costs together with the amount of the penalty for which the person shall be respectively liable, the council shall cause to be specially assessed in the manner provided in this act.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3180 ;-- CL 1915, 3094 ;-- CL 1929, 2018 ;-- CL 1948, 102.8 ;-- Am. 1974, Act 345, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1974

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of section 4, chapter 23, referred to in this section, see MCL 103.4.