

## **ARTICLE 11 Public Improvements**

**Section 1. Condemnation** Any necessity of taking property for the City by condemnation shall be determined by the Council and declared by resolution of the Council describing the property and stating the uses to which it shall be devoted. The procedure for the condemnation shall be as ordained by the Council or provided by State law.

**Section 2. Improvements** The procedure for making, altering, vacating or abandoning a public improvement shall be governed by general ordinance or to the extent not so governed, by applicable general laws of the State. Action on any proposed public improvement, except a sidewalk or except an improvement unanimously declared by the Council to be needed at once because of an emergency, shall be suspended for six months upon a remonstrance thereto by the owners of two-thirds of the land to be specially assessed therefor. In this section, "owner" shall mean the record holder of legal title or, where the land is being purchased under a land sale contract recorded or verified to the Recorder in writing by the record holder of legal title to the land, the purchaser shall be deemed the "owner".

**Section 3. Special Assessments** The procedure for the levying, collecting and enforcing the payment of special assessments for public improvements or other services to be charged against real property shall be as provided in Article XII, Sections 1 and 2 of this Charter.

**Section 4. Bids** All jobs or contracts for constructing, repairing, ornamenting or improving any public place in this City or out of it, the expenses of which are to be paid out of the City Treasury, and the probable cost of which will exceed \$500, shall be advertised in a newspaper of wide and general circulation published in the City of Ashland for ten days before the closing of the bids, and shall be done in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Council. The Council shall have the right to reject any or all bids without incurring any liability for such rejection.