



The City of
WORCESTER

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Private Street Betterment Petition

CHAPTER 166 OF THE ACTS OF 1996. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPAIR OF PRIVATE WAYS IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER. SECTION 3. *Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, and in addition to the authority to make emergency repairs to private streets granted by chapter three hundred and two of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-four; the city of Worcester is hereby authorized to make certain improvements to any private way which for at least six years prior to the effective date of this act shall have appeared on the official map of said city and have been open to public use. Said improvements shall consist of those recommended by the commissioner of public works in said city and shall be directed to improve the drainage, run-off and surface conditions of such ways. **No such improvements shall be commenced except by order of the city council of said city adopted only upon a petition signed by at least two-thirds of the abutters thereon.** No such order shall be valid unless it shall assess betterments pursuant to chapter eighty of the General Laws. Upon application of any owner so assessed, the repayment of such betterments may be apportioned by the city assessor for a period not to exceed five years. No way improved under the provisions of this section shall be considered a public way of said city unless a decree specifically making such a way public shall have been adopted by separate vote of the city council of said city. The city of Worcester shall not be liable for any damages or injuries caused in whole or part by the condition of the way at any time after the improvements authorized herein shall have been completed.*

Please print out this form, provide your full contact information, including your name, residential address, and phone number, sign the form and return to:

Worcester City Clerk
City Hall Room 206
455 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request a private street betterment pursuant to Chapter 166 of the Acts of 1996: *Please be specific on the type of betterment that you are requesting to be performed. With or without assessments or just a limited amount of work, (such as a grading of the road and then asphalt paving or just repairing potholes and or craters).*

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