

14-534. Same; expense and operation; assessments; contracts. The cost and expense of constructing, installing, and equipping such additional system of lights shall be assessed against the lots or pieces of land abutting on the portion of street described in the petition, according to the front foot thereof, and such special assessment shall be levied by the city and certified by the city clerk to the county clerk, to be placed on the tax rolls for collection, subject to the same penalties and collected in like manner as other taxes. The said system of lights may be constructed, installed, and equipped before, during, or after the collection of the special assessment, as may be deemed proper by the governing body.

When said lights are so installed, the city shall operate them, and the cost and expense of maintaining and operating such additional system of lights, and of so illuminating such street, shall be paid by the city out of the revenue derived from a tax levied for such purpose, as hereinafter provided. The governing body of such city may contract with private individuals or corporations for such lighting system, or any part thereof, or the city may, itself, do the work, or any part thereof: Provided, That no contract or renewal thereof shall be awarded to any private individual or corporation for a period greater than ten years.

History: L. 1915, ch. 141, § 4; May 22; R.S. 1923, § 14-534.