15-427. Street and alley improvements; vacation; reversion; recordation of ordinance. The council shall have power to open, widen, extend or otherwise improve any street, avenue, alley, or lane; to create, open and improve any new street, avenue, alley, or lane; and also to annul, vacate or discontinue the same, whenever deemed necessary or expedient: Provided, That all damages sustained by the citizens of the city, or the owners of the property therein, shall be ascertained in the manner provided by law. And provided further, That whenever any street, avenue, alley, or lane shall be vacated, the same shall revert to the owners of real estate thereto adjacent on each side, in proportion to the frontage of such real estate, except in cases where such street, avenue, alley or lane shall have been taken and appropriated to public use in a different proportion, in which case it shall revert to adjacent lots of real estate in proportion as it was taken from them.

Immediately after an ordinance opening, widening, extending or vacating any street, avenue, alley or lane shall become effective, the clerk of the city shall file a copy thereof which has been certified by him or her as a true and correct copy in the office of the county clerk and in the office of the register of deeds and the county clerk shall enter the same in the transfer records of his or her office and the register of deeds shall record the same in the deed records of the county and no fee shall be charged by the county clerk or register of deeds for such entering or recording.

History: R.S. 1923, § 15-427; L. 1951, ch. 142, § 3; July 1.