

Resolution of December 16, 1968

Resolution of The Commissioners of Charlestown, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article 11-E of the Constitution of Maryland Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to add a new Section 44-A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition), said Code being Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, the purpose of this amendment being to add a new Section to the Charter of the Commissioners of Charlestown, contained in said Code, to empower the Town to construct, maintain and operate a water distribution and supply system both within and beyond the corporate limits of said Town and to finance the cost of such construction from any available funds, including funds realized by the issuance and sale of the bonds of the Town, and to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds by the imposition and collection of special benefit assessments and ad valorem taxes, and to provide for the cost of maintenance and operation of said system and the imposition and collection of water rates or service charges.

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN, that a new Section 44-A is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition), said Code being Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, and said Code containing the Charter of The Commissioners of Charlestown in Sections 31 to 46 thereof, so that the Section hereby added shall constitute an amendment of the Town Charter which shall read as follows:

44-A. Water System.

The President and Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the Town, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate a water supply and distribution system for the town, including all appurtenances and facilities necessary and appropriate for a complete system. In determining the most suitable system for the Town, the President and Commissioners may arrange for the purchase of water from another agency or from a source beyond the corporate limits of the Town, and they may construct facilities for the treatment of water either within or beyond said corporate limits. In addition, they may construct water supply lines and pumping stations beyond the corporate limits of the Town to supply consumers outside the Town if such facilities can be made financially feasible. The President and Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to enter into appropriate contracts for the design and construction of said water system and are empowered to enter into public highways for the laying of water lines, upon compliance with appropriate conditions for restoration of such highways, to acquire easements through private property for said water mains or to acquire fee-simple title for said water system either by purchase or condemnation in accordance with the laws of Maryland. The President and Commissioners are also authorized to employ suitable personnel for the maintenance and operation of said water system.

As soon as said water system shall be completed and ready for service, the President and Commissioners shall give all owners of improved property abutting any water line notice to make suitable connection to the same within a reasonable period of time specified in said notice and to abandon all private sources of water supply. The President and Commissioners are authorized and empowered to take all proper legal action to compel any such owner to comply with such notice, if he shall fail or refuse to do so without just cause.