

that at any time the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding \$1,000 without advertising or receiving bids. The Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy may purchase the necessary pipe, fire hydrants, valves, specials, tanks, pumps, motors, engines, or such like equipment if, in its discretion, it deems it advisable, and may advertise as aforesaid for bids for the construction of said system in parts, or as a whole, using said equipment as in its judgment may be deemed advisable. All such contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy may require, all of which shall be enforceable in any court having jurisdiction.

1924, ch. 126, sec. 7.

596. The Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy for the purpose of assessing benefits for the construction of said water supply system, shall divide all properties binding upon a street, lane, alley or right-of-way, in which a water main is to be laid, into four classes, namely: agricultural, small acreage, industrial or business, and residential or sub-division property. Immediately upon the commencement of the water supply project, the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy is empowered and directed to fix and levy a benefit charge upon all property abutting upon said water main, in accordance with the classification, and shall, in writing, notify all owners of said properties into which class their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also in said notice a time and place when and at which said owners will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises, or in the case of vacant or unimproved property, posted upon the premises. The classification of and benefit assessed against any property as made by the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy shall be final, subject only to revision by it. The Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy may change the classification of properties from time to time, as said properties change in the uses to which they are put. Said benefits shall be levied for water supply construction upon the number of front feet abutting upon the street, lane, alley or right-of-way in which the water main is placed; provided, however, that no lot shall be assessed on more than one side, that corner lots in this class shall be assessed on that frontage towards which the building does or would naturally face, and that all lots in this class shall be assessed for their full frontage even though a water main may not extend along the full length of any boundary; and, provided, further, that in the case of irregular shaped lots and shallow lots fronting on more than one street, the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy may determine upon for assessment, and may assess, such length of frontage as it deems reasonable and fair. Front foot benefit charges for water supply construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the town. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for water mains shall be determined from time to time by the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy as costs and conditions