

require. Said benefit charges shall be paid annually beginning in the year such construction is begun, by all properties located as above specified, for a period of years co-extensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which such construction was done; provided, however, that any owner of property in the residential or sub-division or business or industrial class may, at his option, extinguish at any time said benefit charge by the payment, in cash, of an amount which, if put at interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. compounded annually, would yield an annuity equal to the annual assessments for the period for which the bonds have, at the time the option is exercised, still to run. The Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy shall at any time permit a connection with a water main by a property owner whose property does not abut on said water main, and who has not previous thereto paid a benefit for the construction of said water main, provided the said Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy shall first determine the classification of said property, and a front foot charge to be paid by said property owner as though his property abutted on said water main, and in the event of such connection being made said property owner and said property, as to all charges, rates and benefits shall in every respect stand in the same position as if the said property abutted upon a water main. The annual benefit charges as above specified shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed, subject only to prior State, county and municipal charges, and shall be enforced by a judgment upon complaint of the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy before any Justice of the Peace or Circuit Court for Carroll County, and usual execution thereon. No such annual benefit charges shall continue as a lien for a period longer than two years from the date from which the same became in default, unless it is reduced to a judgment and duly recorded among the records of the office of the Clerk of Carroll County. Said benefit charge shall be payable at the office of the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy immediately upon being levied, and shall be in default after 60 days from that date; and said levy, and any judgment obtained as a result of the default of the payment thereof, shall bear interest at the rate of 1 per cent. a month from and after the time said levy is in default.

1924, ch. 126, sec. 8.

597. The Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy shall provide for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which, under this Act, a water main is laid, a water connection which shall be extended as required, from the water main to the property line of the abutting lot, said connection to be constructed by, and at the sole expense of the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy. When any water main is declared by the said Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy complete and ready for the delivery of water, every abutting property owner, after due notice, shall make connection of all spigots or hydrants, toilets, with said water main within a time prescribed by the said Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy. Where the aforesaid fixtures do not exist or are of a nature which, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy, is improper or inadequate, satis-