

necessary, chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water main or sewer under their ownership. Said rates shall be uniform throughout the town, but subject to change from time to time as necessary. The rates for service shall consist of a ready to serve charge based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall include the proportionate cost of maintenance and operation of the sewerage system, and shall be based upon the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection by, and at the sole expense of, the Mayor and Council. In case a property is connected to the sewerage system, but does not use water from the municipal system, the Mayor and Council shall make such rate for sewerage service as they shall deem proper. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Mayor and Council shall determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Mayor and Council; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Mayor and Council shall, after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid, together with such turn-on charge as the Mayor and Council shall require. If any bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after being sent out by the Mayor and Council, it shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other public debts are collectible in the Town of Gaithersburg.

1922, ch. 216, sec. 12.

**397.** The Mayor and Council may enter upon any state or county highway for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating their water and sewerage systems, and they may construct in such highway a water main or sewer or any appurtenance thereof without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge; provided that whenever any state or county highway is to be disturbed the public authority having control thereof shall be duly notified, and provided further that said highway shall be repaired and left by the Mayor and Council in the same or a not inferior condition to that existing before being torn up, and that all costs incident thereto shall be borne by the Mayor and Council.

1922, ch. 216, sec. 13.

**398.** Any employee or agent of the Mayor and Council shall have the right of entry, at all reasonable hours, upon any private premises and into any building in the Town of Gaithersburg, and outside of said town if the premises or building is connected with the town's water or sewerage system, while in the pursuit of his official duties, and any restraint or hindrance offered to such entrance by any owner or tenant or agent of said owner or tenant, shall be a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 401 of this subtitle.