

1918, ch. 122, sec. 13. 1927, ch. 506, sec. 13.

1027. For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage and drainage systems, including overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, together with funds for making such payments as may be made to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as hereinafter specified, said Commission shall be empowered and directed to make such service rates as it may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe under its ownership. Said rates shall be uniform throughout the Sanitary District, but subject to change from time to time, as necessary, except that the charge for water used in Gaithersburg and Washington Grove, until such time as they are brought within the general system, shall be based upon the actual cost of supplying water to said communities. The rates for service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge, which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which 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 Commission. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent monthly, quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after 30 days from date of sending, the Commission shall after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid. If any bill shall remain unpaid for 60 days after being sent out by the Commission, it shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the respective counties.

1918, ch. 122, sec. 14.

1028. Said Commission shall have full power and authority to enter into any contracts or agreements with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or any other Federal authority for the connection of its water supply, sewerage and drainage systems with those of the District of Columbia, for the purchase of water from the District of Columbia, and for the disposal of sewage and drainage from the Sanitary District; and to enter into any agreement concerning any other matter necessary, advisable or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage, drainage or refuse disposal systems under its control or those under the control of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Any contract or agreement so entered into shall have the full force and effect of a contract between the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland.