

authorized and directed to review upon application by said Commission the cost of making such extensions, and the findings of the Public Service Commission shall be final, except that there may be an appeal to the courts from such findings, as is provided by law in the case of other determinations by the Public Service Commission. The Commission is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to raise funds, as herein provided, for the expenditures authorized and directed by this section.

1924, ch. 494, sec. 13.

**333.** Said Commission, for the purpose of assessing benefits for the water supply and sewerage systems which may be acquired or constructed under this Act, shall divide all property binding upon a street, lane, alley or right of way in which the water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid into classes. Immediately upon the purchase or condemnation or construction of the water supply or sewerage system, the Commission is empowered to fix and levy a benefit charge upon all property abutting upon the water mains or sewers in accordance with the classification, and shall, in writing, notify all owners of said property 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 owner will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner 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 Commission shall be subject to revision at said hearing, and any party feeling aggrieved by the determination of said Commission may within ten days from the date thereof take an appeal therefrom to the Circuit Court for Wicomico County. The Commission may change the classification of property from time to time, as said properties change in the uses to which they are put. Said benefits shall be levied for water supply and sewerage purchase or condemnation or construction upon the number of front feet abutting upon the street, lane, alley or right of way in which a water main or sewer is placed; provided, however, that no lot shall be assessed on more than one side, that corner lots shall be assessed on that frontage towards which the building does or would naturally face, and that all lots shall be assessed for their full frontage, even though a water main or sewer 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 upon more than one street, the Commission may determine upon for assessment and may assess such length of frontage as they may deem reasonable and fair. Front-foot benefit charges for water supply and sewerage purchase or condemnation or construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the city. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for water mains and sewers shall be determined from time to time by the Commission, as costs and conditions require. Said benefit charges shall be paid annually, beginning in the year in which the purchase or condemnation or construction is made or begun, by all properties located as above specified, for a period of years