

fore making his recommendation in writing with respect to the construction or extension of any water or sewer lines or systems, the Chief Sanitary Engineer shall make a thorough field inspection of the territory proposed to be served by the new construction or extension, and shall prepare sufficient plans upon which to make an adequate cost estimate of the proposed construction and/or extension, together with conservative estimates in writing of the assessable front footage that will abut on the new or extended lines and the revenue from front foot assessments to be expected therefrom. Such plans and estimates shall accompany his written recommendations and shall be filed by him in the office of the Commissioners. If said plans and estimates fail to show that the proposed new construction or extension will be financially self-supporting within a reasonable time after completion, the Commissioners shall not order the construction of said new lines or extensions, unless property owners requesting them shall finance their cost upon a basis that will make them a permanently self-supporting part of the Metropolitan District.

Section 335. For the purpose of paying the interest and providing the sinking fund for the bonds issued by the County Commissioners, as hereinafter provided for the water supply, sewerage and drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this Act, the Commissioners are hereby empowered and directed to establish a proper and reasonable charge for connection with said water supply, sewerage and drainage systems so to be constructed, purchased or established as aforesaid, and to fix an annual assessment on all properties, improved and unimproved, binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way in which a water main, sewer or drain has been built. The said annual assessment shall be made upon the front foot basis, and the first payment shall be collectible during the year that the construction is started on the water supply, sewerage or drainage system, or in which the systems are purchased or acquired. And interest at the rate of one-half of 1% per month shall be charged on all said annual assessments remaining unpaid 60 days after said annual assessment shall be due and payable. The Commissioners, for the purpose of assessing benefits, shall divide all properties fronting upon a street, lane or alley, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid, into four classes, namely: First, Agricultural; second, Small Acreage; third, Industrial or Business, and fourth, Subdivision Property, and the benefit charges shall be fixed and levied in accordance with the above classification; provided, however, that no front foot benefit charge shall be levied against any agricultural property until such property is connected with said