

tural property, may determine upon such lengths of frontage for assessment as they deem reasonable and fair. Front foot assessment charges, as above specified, shall be a first lien on property against which they are assessed, subject only to prior State and county charges and upon complain of the authorities before any Justice of the Peace or the Circuit Court for Cecil County, in which said land is situated shall be enforced by a judgment and usual execution thereon. No front foot benefit charge shall continue as a lien for a period longer than two years from the date upon which the same became in default, unless it is reduced to a judgment and duly recorded among the records of the Clerk's office in the county in which said land is situated. Said benefit charges shall be in default after sixty days from the date of levy and said levy and any judgment obtained as a result of the default of payment thereof shall bear interest at the rate of 1 per cent a month from and after the time of said levy is in default.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the authorities shall provide for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which under this Act a water main and/or sewer is laid, a water and/or sewer connection which shall be extended, as required, from the water main or sewer to the property line of the abutting lot, said water or sewer connection to be constructed by and at the sole expense of said authorities. When any water main or sewer is declared by said authorities complete and ready for the delivery of water or the receiving of sewage, every abutting property owner, after due notice, shall make connection of all water or sewerage plumbing with said main or sewer within such reasonable time as may be prescribed by said authorities. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 16.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating the water system or the sewerage system constructed under the provisions of this Act, including overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, the authorities shall have full power and authority to make such service rates as they may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties served by a water supply or a sewerage system under their ownership. Service rates shall be subject to change from time to time as said authorities deem necessary. Said rates shall be payable at such times, and shall be subject to such penalties for non-payment, as said authorities may determine, and they shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectible at law.