

BILLS FOR COLLECTION, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT AND INTEREST ALLOWANCES OR CHARGES AS NOW PROVIDED BY LAW FOR CHARLES COUNTY TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY, AND UPON FAILURE OF PAYMENT OF THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS, THEY MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY SURPLUS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER AFTER SALE FOR NONPAYMENT OF STATE AND COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES UNDER PROPER ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, THE LIEN CREATED IN FAVOR OF THE ANNUAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE ENFORCED BY BILL IN EQUITY OR BY ACTION AT LAW. NO DEED OR CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE UNTIL PROOF OF PAYMENT OF ALL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS HAS BEEN EXHIBITED TO THE TRANSFER CLERK.

104-12. PREREQUISITES TO COUNTY ACCEPTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT.

BEFORE THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS ARTICLE CAN BE EXERCISED, THERE MUST FIRST BE THE PETITION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS HEREINBEFORE PROVIDED REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS, A PUBLIC HEARING UPON THE PETITION AFTER TEN (10) DAYS' NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER REGULARLY PUBLISHED IN CHARLES COUNTY, APPROVAL OF THE PETITION BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE PASSAGE OF AN APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF § 104-9 OF THIS ARTICLE SETTING FORTH THE IMPROVEMENTS BEING CONSTRUCTED, THE PROPERTY OWNERS AFFECTED AND ALL MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ANNUAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS LEVIED TO PAY THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS OR ANY REASONABLE PORTION THEREOF AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

104-13. APPEALS.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON FEELING AGGRIEVED BY THE LEVYING OF ANY BENEFIT ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE COURT, SITTING WITHOUT A JURY, IS AUTHORIZED TO HEAR AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED HEREIN AND WHETHER THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS LEVIED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARE IMPOSED ACCORDING TO LAW.

104-14. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS BY COUNTY.

A. IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER POWERS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS ALONG ALL OR ANY PART OF THE STREETS, LANES, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC WAYS OF THE