

fit charges for water supply and sewerage construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the Sanitary District, and no benefit charge, once levied, shall be increased. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for both 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 such construction is begun, by all properties located as above specified, for a period of years co-extensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which such construction was done; provided, however, that any property owner may, at his option, extinguish said benefit charge by payment, in cash, of an amount which if put at interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., compounded annually, would yield an annuity equal to the annual assessment for the period for which said assessment is levied. The Commission shall at any time permit a connection with a water main or sewer by a property owner whose property does not abut on said water main or sewer, and who has not previously thereto paid a benefit for the construction of said water main or sewer, provided said Commission shall first determine the classification of said property and a front-foot charge to be paid by said property owner as though his property abutted on said water main or sewer; and in the event of such connection being made said property owner and said property, as to all charges, rates and benefits, shall in every respect stand in the same position as if the said property abutted upon a water main or sewer. The annual benefit charges as above specified shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed, subject only to prior State, County and municipal charges, and shall be enforced by a judgment upon complaint of the Commission before any justice of the peace or the Circuit Court for the County in which said land is situated, and usual execution thereon. No such annual 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 charge shall be payable at the office of the Commission immediately upon being levied and shall be in default after sixty days from that date; 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 said levy is in default.