

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 on more than one street, the Commissioners of Leonardtown may determine upon for assessment, and may assess, such length of frontage as they deem reasonable and fair. Front feet benefit charges for water supply construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the town, and no benefit charge once levied shall be increased. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for water mains shall be determined from time to time by the Commissioners of Leonardtown 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 coextensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which such construction was done; provided, however, that any owner of property in the sub-division or business or industrial class may, at his option, extinguish at any time said benefit charge by the payment, in cash, of an amount which if put at interest at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, compounded annually, would yield an annuity equal to the annual assessments for the period for which the bonds have, at the time the option is exercised, still to run. The Commissioners of Leonardtown shall at any time permit a connection with a water main by a property owner whose property does not abut on said water main, and who has not previous thereto paid a benefit for the construction of said water main, provided the said Commissioners of Leonardtown 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; 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 property abutted upon a water main. 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 Commissioners of Leonardtown before any Justice of the Peace or Circuit Court of St. Mary's County, and usual execution thereon. No such annual benefit charges shall continue as a lien for a period longer than two years from the date from which the