

condemnation of such franchise or right and of the property subject thereto; provided nothing in this section shall affect in any manner the rights now exercised under the franchises held by the several public service corporations operating under franchises held by them from the Commissioners of Delmar, unless the owner thereof shall consent thereto, or unless taken by condemnation as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioners of Delmar, for the purpose of assessing benefits for the construction of said sewerage system, shall divide all property binding upon a street, lane, alley or right-of-way, in which a sanitary sewer is to be laid, into classes. Immediately upon commencement of the sewerage project, the Commissioners of Delmar are empowered and directed to fix and levy a benefit charge upon all property abutting upon said sewer, in accordance with the classification, and shall in writing notify all owners of said properties into which class their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also in said notice a time and place when and at which said owners will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises, or in the case of vacant or unimproved property, posted upon the premises. The classification of and benefit assessed against any property as made by the Commissioners of Delmar shall be final, subject only to revision at said hearing, and subject further to an appeal upon all matters of law and fact to the Circuit Court of Wicomico County, said appeal to be taken within thirty days after decision by said Commissioners. The Commissioners may change the classification of properties from time to time, as said properties change in the uses to which they are put. Said benefits shall be levied for sewerage construction upon the number of front feet abutting upon the street, lane, alley or right-of-way in which the sewer is place; provided, however, that no lot shall be assessed on more than one side, that corner lots shall be assessed on that frontage towards which the building does or would naturally face, and that all lots shall be assessed for their full frontage even though a sewer 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 Delmar may determine upon for assessment, and may assess such length or frontage as they deem reasonable and fair. Front foot benefit charges for sewerage construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the town. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for sewers shall be determined from time to time by the Commissioners of Delmar as costs and con-