

at the office of the Commission before the actual connection with any pipe or private property is made. One-half of the revenue, above actual cost, derived from such charges shall be retained by the Commission on a contingent fund for repairs, replacements, or any extraordinary expense in the maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage and drainage systems under its control. The remaining half shall be applied by the Commission to the payment of the bonded debt as hereinafer provided.

Section 13. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage and drainage systems, including overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, together with funds for making such payments as may be made to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as hereinafter specified, said Commission shall be empowered and directed to make such service rates as it may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe under its ownership. Said rates shall be uniform throughout the Sanitary District, but subject to change from time to time, as necessary, except that the charge for water used in Gaithersburg and Washington Grove, until such time as they are brought within the general system, shall be based upon the actual cost of supplying water to said communities. The rates for service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge, which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection, by, and at the sole expense of the Commission. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent monthly, quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after 30 days from date of sending, the Commission shall after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid. If any bill shall remain unpaid for 60 days after being sent out by the Commission, it shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same