

owners will be heard. The benefit charge assessed against any property shall be final, subject only to revision at said hearing. The authorities in the case of corner lots, irregular shaped lots and shallow lots fronting on more than one street, and also in the case of small acreage and agricultural property, may determine upon such lengths of frontage for assessment as they deem reasonable and fair. Front foot assessment charges, as above specified, shall be a first lien on property against which they are assessed, subject only to prior State and county charges and upon complaint of the authorities before any Justice of the Peace or the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, in which said land is situated shall be enforced by a judgment and usual execution thereon. No front foot 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 charges shall be in default after sixty days from the date of levy 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.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the authorities shall provide for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which under this Act a water main is laid, a water connection which shall be extended, as required, from the water main to the property line of the abutting lot, said water connection to be constructed by and at the sole expense of said authorities. When any water main is declared by said authorities complete and ready for the delivery of water, every abutting property owner, after due notice, shall make connection of all water plumbing with said main within such reasonable time as may be prescribed by said authorities. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 16.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating the water system constructed under the provisions of this Act, including overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, the authorities shall have full power and authority to make such service rates as they may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties served by a water supply system under their ownership. Service rates shall be subject to change from