

to provide for the construction, maintenance, operation, purchase or condemnation of water supply, sewerage and storm water drainage systems; to provide for the levy of taxes, assessments and benefits, water and sewer rates, for the payment of said bonds, and the operation, maintenance, regulation and control of said systems; to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act; and directing that the question as to the issuance of said bonds shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Salisbury," be, and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. The Mayor and Council of Salisbury, who has succeeded to all of the rights, duties and obligations of the Salisbury Water and Sewer Commission created by said Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1924, shall publish annually in one or more newspapers published in the City of Salisbury a full and true account of its receipts, expenses and expenditures in connection with the construction, maintenance and operation of the water and sewer systems of the City of Salisbury and prior to the publication thereof the accounts of said Mayor and Council of Salisbury in connection therewith shall be audited by a public accountant, to be employed by said Mayor and Council of Salisbury.

15. 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, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury 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 City of Salisbury, but subject to change from time to time as necessary. Bills for the amount of the charges shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Mayor and Council of Salisbury may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Mayor and Council of Salisbury; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall, after written notice, turn off the water from the property in question, and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid. All such service rates shall be liens against the property to which such water may be fur-