

Laws of Anne Arundel County (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Sanitary Districts", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

524. For the purpose of providing funds for *the construction*, maintenance, repairing, and operating its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for interest on, and the retirement of bonds as specified in this sub-title, the Commission is hereby empowered to make a ready-to-serve charge on water, [and] a charge for the upkeep of sewers *and a sewer service charge, all of said charges being* chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. Said [rate for both] ready-to-serve charge for water, [and such] charge for the upkeep on sewers *and charge for sewer service* shall be uniform, [throughout each sanitary district,] subject to such changes from time to time as may be necessary. The charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be reasonable and collected annually *or otherwise as determined by the Commission* in the same manner as benefit assessments are collected and shall be a first lien against all property having a connection with any sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. The rates for water 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 through 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. If the Commission at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected with the system, then a flat rate shall be charged all properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each district and based upon the amount of water used. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be there [on] upon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill remain unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Commission shall, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off water from the property in question, and