

district, solicit, in the name of the District, competitive sealed bids for such construction, as a whole, or in parts, as in its judgment may seem advisable. Notice of the solicitation of such bids shall be published at least once in each of two successive weeks next preceding the date upon which said bids will be received in at least one newspaper published and of general circulation in the County and in such other newspapers or technical journals as the Commission shall deem proper. Said notice shall describe briefly the project or projects, or parts thereof, for which single or separate bids will be entertained, the time and place for receipt of bids, the place where plans, specifications, bid and contract forms may be examined or obtained, and such other information as the Commission may deem necessary or desirable to place all prospective bidders on an equal footing. In any such bid documents, the Commission shall clearly reserve the right to reject any and all bids but no contract shall be awarded pursuant thereto, except to the lowest responsible bidder, whose bid is legally acceptable. If the Commission rejects all such bids, it may re-advertise for new bids in the manner herein prescribed, for all or any part of the work and may elect to cause any part not so re-advertised, to be constructed as an improvement, as hereinafter permitted. All contracts awarded by the Commission shall be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Commission may require in the bid documents, all of which shall be enforceable by the District in any court of competent jurisdiction. In addition, the Commission may, without advertising for or receiving bids, expend not more than Ten Thousand Dollars for any one improvement.

539. **[Charges and rates.]** *Special Benefit Assessments.*

[(a) For the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued by any said Commission as in this sub-title provided for the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this sub-title, the said Commission is hereby empowered to establish a proper and reasonable charge, not less than the actual cost thereof, for connection with said water supply, sewerage and drainage system so to be constructed, purchased or established as aforesaid, and to fix an annual assessment on all properties, improved or unimproved, binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way in which a water main, sewer or drain has been built. The said annual assessment shall be made upon the front foot basis, and the first payment shall be collected during the year in which the construction is completed on the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, or in which the systems are purchased or acquired. The said Commission for the purpose of assessing benefits shall divide all properties binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid, into four classes, namely: Agricultural, small acreage, industrial or business, and subdivision property, and the Commission may subdivide each of said classes in such manner as it may deem to be in the public interest. Whenever any water supply or sewerage project in said sanitary district or sanitary districts shall have been completed by March 31st, in any one year, regardless of when said construction was commenced, then the said Commission shall fix and levy a benefit charge as of the first day of January of the year in which the project was completed upon all property in said sanitary district abutting upon said water main or sewer, in accordance with the classification or subdivision thereof, and shall in writing, notify