

CHAPTER 749

(House Bill 717)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-sections (a), (b), (d) and (f) of Section 132 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", relating to classifications of property for benefit assessment purposes, and providing for additional classifications and sub-classifications based upon intensity of use or development of property within the larger class.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-sections (a), (b), (d) and (f) of Section 132 of the Howard County Code (Everstine's Edition 1957), being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County", sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

132. ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES; BENEFITS, CLASSIFICATIONS.

(a) For the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued by said Commission as in this sub-title provided for water supply, sewerage or drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this sub-title, the said Commission is hereby empowered to establish 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 made upon the front foot basis, and the] *and the intensity of use or development of property abutting the said water main or sewer line. 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.*

(b) 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] *nine* classes, namely: agricultural, small acreage, industrial or business, [and] sub-division or residential property, *apartment, motel or hotel, office and shopping center and trailer parks,* and the Commission may sub-divide each of said classes in such manner as it may deem to be in the public interest [,], *basing such classifications upon the intensity of use or development of property within the larger class. As used herein, the word "class" or "classes" shall include the class or classes established by the Commission hereunder.*

(d) Said benefits shall be levied for both water supply and sew-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.