

*the full length of any boundary.* [n] No land so classed as agricultural by this Commission, when in actual use for farming or trucking purposes, shall be assessed a front foot benefit when such agricultural land has constructed through it or in front of it a sewer or water main, until such time as a water or sewer connection is made, and when so made and for every connection such land shall become liable to a front foot assessment for such reasonable frontage, not exceeding three hundred foot front, as may be determined by said Commission, and shall be immediately assessed at the rate of assessment determined upon by said Commission for agricultural land. [; provided, further, that] State, county and municipal buildings or property or public parks or playgrounds owned by a municipality, and any building owned by a regularly organized volunteer fire department while so used, shall be exempt from said front foot benefit charge [ , and from the service and water consumption charge for water used exclusively for public or fire department purposes]. *The Commission may further provide for a hiatus in the imposition and collection of a front foot benefit assessment for any property otherwise assessable which cannot in the judgment of the Commission obtain service from the sewer pipe upon which the benefit would be based, but the suspension of the benefit charge shall terminate at any time a connection with the sewer pipe is made by the owner of the property, whereupon the property shall be classified and the benefit charge shall commence and run for the total number of years, at the rate for such class, which it would have run had it been established at the time of the original construction.*

(e) Future front foot benefit charges for water supply and sewer construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the Sanitary District for any one year, *unless otherwise provided by law.* [except, however, Gaithersburg and Washington Grove, against which a benefit charge approximately the cost of the systems therein shall be levied; provided, however, that w] Whenever the Commission acquires an existing system, other than a municipal system, the construction cost of which has been added in whole or in part to the purchase of land or lots abutting upon said system and which contribution the Commission has determined to be a factor in the cost to the Commission of such system, the Commission may, in its discretion, levy a front foot assessment less than the uniform front foot assessment levied in the remainder of said Sanitary District. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for both water main and sewer shall be determined from time to time by the Commission as costs and conditions require, but no benefit charge *for any class for any given year* once levied by said Commission shall be increased.

(f) Said benefit charge shall be paid annually, beginning from the time of the levy thereof, by all properties located as above specified, for a period of years co-extensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which such construction was done. *Subject to the provisions of this subsection,* [S] said benefit charge may be extinguished or redeemed, at any time, upon the payment to the said Commission of a sum equal to the amount of said annual benefit charge, *calculated for this purpose at the base rate applicable to the class in which the property may then be by reason of its use and disregarding any allowance for excess, but in no event less than the base rate applicable to subdivision residential property,* multiplied by