

[commission] *Commission*, in the name of the district, may sue, or file a bill in equity to enforce said liens against the owner of record at the time said suit is filed or any owner of record between said dates, and publication thereon shall be notice to all persons having any interest in said property.

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For the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, repairing and operating its water or sewerage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for the repayment of advances authorized by Section 649 (e) of this sub-title and for interest on, and the retirement of bonds as specified in this sub-title, the **[c]** Commission is hereby empowered to make a ready-to-serve charge on water, a charge for the upkeep of sewers and a sewer service charge, all of such charges being chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or owned by the **[d]** District. The ready-to-serve charge for water, charge for the upkeep on sewers and charge for sewer service shall be uniform throughout a 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 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 owned by the **[d]** District. 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 **[c]** Commission. If the **[c]** Commission at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to 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 sanitary district and based upon the amount of water used. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semiannually, as the **[c]** Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the **[c]** Commission; and if any bill remains unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the **[c]** 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 the water shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid, including a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00). If any bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after being sent by the Commission, it shall be collectible, *together with a penalty of \$5.00*, from the owner of the property served in the same manner **[as other debts]**, and *subject to the same interest, as taxes* are collectible in the county or counties in which the sanitary district or sanitary districts lie and said ready-to-serve charge, other service charges and all penalties shall be a first lien against said property. The sewer service charge shall be made on whatever reasonable basis the Commission selects and may be collected on an annual, semiannual or quarterly basis. Neither the dates of collection nor the intervals between such dates need be uniform throughout a sanitary district. If any bill for such