

and sewer benefit charges and providing for exemptions from or suspensions in the imposition of the charges in specified circumstances and during specified periods, including the period of time of connection by a property to a water or sanitary sewerage system operated by a municipality.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsection (d) of Section 83-71 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition), being Section 71-19 of the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition), and being Articles 17 and 16, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Prince George's County" and "Montgomery County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," be and it is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

83-71. (71-19).

(d) In classifying property and levying said front foot benefit charge, any irregularly shaped lot abutting upon a road, street, lane, alley, right of way or easement in which there is or is being constructed a water main or sewer shall be assessed for the frontage determined by the Commission to be reasonable and fair. Wherever there are a number of lots in the same block in one ownership appurtenant to a residence, the Commission may give a continuous frontage to all of the lots regardless of the streets upon which they face. A corner lot in the subdivision residential class of less than two (2) acres in size shall not be assessed on more than one side, unless it also abuts on two parallel streets, but the frontage assessed may be that determined to be reasonable and fair by the Commission, giving consideration to the frontage towards which the building on the lot would naturally face. Lots running through with front and rear on separate streets may be assessed on both front and rear. Any of the lots in the foregoing categories may be assessed for their full frontage even though a water main or sewer may not extend along the full length of any boundary. 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. State, county and municipal buildings or property or public parks or playgrounds owned by a municipality, and any *property* or building owned by a regularly organized volunteer fire department, while so used for such *public purposes*, shall be exempt from [said] *the imposition of a front foot benefit charge*. The Commission may further provide for a hiatus in the imposition and collection of a front foot benefit assessment for any property otherwise assessable with respect to a sanitary sewer line which *property* 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 *Commission's sewer pipe or water line, as the case may be, is made*