

## 1969 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 14

## Council Bill No. 20

An Act to repeal Sections 170, 173, 174, 178, 179 and 189 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition) being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Metropolitan Commission", and to enact new Sections 20.300 through 20.313 inclusive of Title 20, "Taxation and Public Credit", subtitle "Water and Sewer Charges and Assessments" of the Howard County Code to provide for the liability of owners of real estate connected to or benefited for the charges and levies relating to water and sewer facilities; and to provide that such charges shall be a lien; to establish rate schedules for water service, sewer service, water and sewer house connections, in-aid-of construction assessment, and special charges; to provide rates for private fire protection systems; to provide rates for County use of fire hydrants, to provide for water and sewer connections; to provide for assessment of front foot benefits, hearing, and appeal; to provide for in-aid-of construction assessment and installment payment thereof; to provide for Metropolitan District ad valorem tax and method of determination thereof; and to provide for Metropolitan Benefits Account.

*Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That Sections 170, 173, 174, 178, 179 and 189 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition), being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Metropolitan Commission", be and they are hereby repealed.*

*Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That Sections 20.300 through 20.313 be and the same are hereby added to Title 20 of the Howard County Code, "Taxation and Public Credit", subtitle "Water and Sewer Charges and Assessments", to read as follows:*

## 20.300—Liability for Water or Sewer Charges—Generally

All owners of real estate, including Howard County (hereinafter referred to as the County), who have connected with or who shall hereafter connect the water or sewer facilities of such real estate to the facilities of the County or where such real estate is benefited by the water or sanitary sewers of the County, shall pay the applicable charges, levies, and assessments provided in this subtitle.

## 20.301—Liens Against Real Estate

All charges, levies and assessments provided in this subtitle shall be a lien or charge against the real estate served OR BENEFITED and shall be levied, collected and enforced and shall have the same priority, right, bear the same interest and penalties, and in every respect be treated as County real estate taxes.

## 20.302—Rate Schedule for Water and Sewer Service and Connections

The following charges are hereby established for all billings after April 1, 1969 for all metered water delivered by the County and for sewer service charges, house connection charges, in-aid-of construction charges and special turn-off charges: