

however, that the connection charge on either side of the street, road, alley or right-of-way shall be uniform. All of the revenue above actual cost derived from such charges shall be retained by the [commission] *Department* as a fund for repairs, replacements or any extraordinary expense in the maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems under its control.

19-13.

All sums collected by the [commission] *Department* for benefits levied against the property for water supply, sewerage or drainage construction shall be set aside as a separate fund to be known and designated as the [metropolitan district] *Department* account. The [commission] *Department*, in order to determine the amount which it may deem necessary to be levied under Section 19-7 shall deduct such amount as the [commission] *Department* may estimate that it will be able to collect out of the benefits theretofore levied by it but not yet paid, from the whole amount necessary to be raised in any one year for interest and principal payments on outstanding bonds, and the balance then remaining to be raised shall be the amount to be certified to the county commissioners of Cecil County for collection by taxation as provided by Section 19-7.

19-14.

For the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for interest on, and the retirement of bonds as specified in this chapter, the [commission] *Department* is hereby empowered to make a ready-to-serve charge on water and a charge for the upkeep of sewers chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. Said rate for both ready-to-serve and such charge for the upkeep of sewers shall be uniform throughout such 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 and ownership. If a sewerage system in any sanitary district is connected with a sewage treatment plant of the [commission] *Department*, said charge for the upkeep of sewers may include a charge for all or a proportionate share of the cost of maintenance and operation of said sewage treatment plant and, if the [commission] *Department* shall so elect, said charge may be imposed and collected as a service charge on the same basis and in the same manner as the [commission] *Department* is authorized herein to impose and collect rates for water service. The rate 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 [commission] *Department*. If the [commission] *Department* at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to