

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING RECORDS INCLUDING COST RECORDS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY, WHICH SHALL BE EMPOWERED AT ANY TIME TO TAKE OVER THE SYSTEM OR PART THEREOF OR THE WATER MAIN, SEWER, STORM WATER DRAIN, WATER OR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, SOLID WASTE SYSTEM OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THEM IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL IMPAIR THE RATE MAKING POWERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOR ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY FACILITIES. NO PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, SOLID WASTE OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS OR EXTENSIONS THEREOF AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPROVED IF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THIS SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS WILL CAUSE WATER POLLUTION WHICH ENDANGERS THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE COUNTY, ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY OR PRIVATE UTILITY CORPORATION SUPPLYING SANITARY SERVICES IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY. IF A PRIVATE SYSTEM APPROVED UNDER THE AUTHORITY HEREOF CAUSES SUCH POLLUTION, THEN THE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO REQUIRE WHATEVER MODIFICATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE SUCH POLLUTION AND TO TAKE SUCH OTHER LEGAL STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENFORCE ITS ORDERS ELIMINATING THE NUISANCE OF WATER POLLUTION.

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(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL OF THE BONDS ISSUED BY THE COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS TO BE CONSTRUCTED, PURCHASED OR ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COUNTY IS HEREBY EMPOWERED TO FIX AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON ALL PROPERTIES, IMPROVED OR UNIMPROVED, ABUTTING UPON A STREET, ROAD, LANE, ALLEY OR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN WHICH A WATER MAIN, SEWER OR DRAIN HAS BEEN BUILT. THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT SHALL BE MADE UPON THE FRONT FOOT BASIS, AND THE FIRST PAYMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED ON THE WATER MAIN, SEWERAGE OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, OR IN WHICH THE SYSTEMS ARE PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED. AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY SHALL CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER, IN SUCH MANNER AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY HIM, THE ANNUAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS TO BE COLLECTED FOR THAT YEAR. THE COUNTY TREASURER SHALL INCLUDE SUCH ASSESSMENTS SO CERTIFIED IN THE COUNTY TAX BILLS FOR THE PROPERTIES AFFECTED AND SHALL REMIT TO THE COUNTY AT REGULAR INTERVALS THE PROCEEDS FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS. IF CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEM, OR ANY PART THEREOF, IS COMPLETED AFTER THE BEGINNING OF ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE PROPERTIES BENEFITED SHALL BE ASSESSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF SUCH YEAR A PORTION OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FIXED BY THE COUNTY FOR SUCH PROPERTIES, SUCH PORTION DETERMINED BY MULTIPLYING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SUCH PROPERTY