

Article 11

10A-20.

(A) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the commission may make a charge for every drainage, sewer and water connection. The funds derived from [such] THESE charges may be used for payment of principal and interest on bonds, accumulating funds for capital improvements, for acquisition and construction of water sewerage and drainage systems and the operation and maintenance thereof and for the purchase of equipment and supplies necessary to the operation of the commission. Connection charges shall be established [from time to time] by the commission subject to the approval of the county commissioners. [Such] THESE charges may be based upon [such] reasonable classifications [as] the commissioners may determine and [such] THOSE classifications may vary within any water, sewer, or drainage system and among any [such] OF THOSE systems depending on any special circumstances which the commission finds [exist]. The charges [herein] provided [shall] ARE not TO be limited to the costs to the commission for making [such] THOSE connections. The commission is empowered to determine the manner in which [such] charges shall be payable.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY PERMIT A CONNECTION WITH A WATER MAIN OR SEWER BY A PROPERTY OWNER WHOSE PROPERTY DOES NOT ABUT ON THE WATER MAIN OR SEWER. THE ENTIRE COST OF EXTENDING THE SYSTEM TO THE PROPERTY TO BE CONNECTED (SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING, BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE COST OF ENGINEERING AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND OF ACQUIRING NECESSARY EASEMENTS) SHALL BE PAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTING SERVICE. HOWEVER, IF THE SIZE OF THE EXTENSION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION EXCEEDS THAT WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY TO SERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE OWNER REQUESTING SERVICE, THEN THE COST OF THE EXCESS SHALL BE PAID BY THE COMMISSION. THE COSTS TO BE PAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS ESTIMATED BY THE COMMISSION, PLUS A REASONABLE RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES, SHALL BE DEPOSITED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER WITH THE COMMISSION BEFORE THE COMMISSION ENTERS INTO ANY CONTRACT OR INCURS ANY EXPENSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED EXTENSION. THE COST OF THE EXTENSION REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THOSE FRONT-FOOT BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS AS MAY BE ASSESSED ACCORDING TO SECTION 10A-19 OF THIS CHAPTER, AND THOSE CONNECTION CHARGES AS MAY BE IMPOSED ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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