

property abutted upon a water main or sewer.]

[(f) The debt service charge shall be payable at the office of the Commission as such times as determined by the Commission. If any charges remain unpaid for a period of 30 days from the due date of payment, a late charge at the rate of 1 1/2 percent per month shall be made until all delinquent charges are paid, the late charge to be in addition to all other charges. The entire unpaid debt service charge shall be overdue and in default after sixty (60) days from the due date of payment of all or a part of the debt service charge as required by the Commission at which time the Commission may proceed to enforce payment thereof. The annual debt service assessment or other charges as above specified shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed until paid, any statute of limitations to the contrary notwithstanding, subject only to prior State and county taxes, and if any property be sold for State and/or county taxes or both by the Treasurer of said county; and if after sale there is a surplus after all costs and expenses incident to such sale shall have been paid, then the said Commission upon proper petition to the Circuit Court for the county shall be allowed any balance from said surplus, and shall be preferred lien or to the extent of its lien; and for the purpose of giving notice to the general public as to existing liens and charges against any property within any sanitary district abutting upon any water or sewer main, the Commission shall keep a public record of all names of owners of property, locations of said property, lot numbers when of record, and the amount of the debt service charges, water service charges or such other charges that may become liens from time to time. Said records shall be kept in the County Seat of government and among the land records of St. Mary's County, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county shall furnish the space necessary to keep and preserve the records, which, when recorded in the public record, shall be legal notice of all existing liens within any sanitary district. If any liens, debt service assessments or other charges remain unpaid for sixty (60) days after becoming overdue they may be collected by an action of assumpsit or by a bill in equity to enforce the liens, and any judgment or decree obtained, where the defendants have been served by subpoena, or in any other manner provided by law, shall have the force and effect of a judgment in personam; and the Commission may sue, or file a bill in equity to enforce the liens against the owner of record at the time said levy was made, or the owner of record at the time the suit is filed or any owner of record between the dates, and publication thereon shall be notice to all persons having any interest in the property.]

164. BENEFIT CHARGES.

(A) CHARGES. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS ISSUED BY THE