

during the period between the last two readings, the meter being required to be placed on each water connection by and at the sole expense of the Commission. If the Commission at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that connected to the system, then a flat rate shall be charged all properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each sanitary district and based upon the amount of water used. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent monthly, quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill remains unpaid after thirty days from the due date or dates specified therein, the Commission shall, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question, and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid, including a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00). If any charges remain unpaid for a period of 30 days after the due date for payment, a late charge at the rate of 1 1/2 per centum per month shall be made until all delinquent charges are paid, the late charge to be in addition to all other charges. If any bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after the due date, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the County and the ready-to-serve charge, other service charges and all penalties and late charges shall be a first lien against the property.]

169. SERVICE RATES.

(A) RATES; GENERALLY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MAINTAINING, REPAIRING AND OPERATING ITS WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, FOR LINE EXTENSIONS OF THEM, FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING PROPER DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES (IF ANY), AND FOR INTEREST ON AND THE RETIREMENT OF BONDS AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE SERVICE RATES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY ON WATER LINES AND SEWERS, CHARGEABLE AGAINST ALL PROPERTIES HAVING A CONNECTION WITH ANY WATER PIPE OR SEWER PIPE UNDER ITS SUPERVISION OR OWNERSHIP. THE RATE FOR BOTH WATER AND SEWER SERVICE SHALL BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT A SANITARY DISTRICT, [[BUT]] SUBJECT TO CHANGES AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY. HOWEVER, WHERE THE COMMISSION PROVIDES SERVICE TO PROPERTY IN AN AREA IN WHICH IT IS ECONOMICALLY NOT FEASIBLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE AT THE UNIFORM RATE PROVIDED FOR THE SANITARY DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE OF THE AREA FROM THE PRINCIPAL FACILITIES OF THE COMMISSION IN SUCH SANITARY DISTRICT, THE COMMISSION MAY CLASSIFY THE PROPERTY AS A "REMOTE AREA" AND MAY IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGE TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL COST OF PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY. THE COMMISSION MAY COLLECT A REASONABLE DEPOSIT IN ADVANCE OF FURNISHING WATER OR SEWERAGE SERVICE.