

THEREON, FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SERVED IN THE SAME MANNER, AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEREST, AS TAXES ARE COLLECTIBLE IN THE COUNTY.

(L) PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CHARGES; LIENS; PUBLIC RECORDS; COLLECTION OF UNPAID BILLS.

(1) PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS. AT SUCH TIME AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DECIDE TO EXERCISE THE POWERS UNDER THIS SECTION AND ESTABLISH RATES, CHARGES OR ASSESSMENTS AS PROVIDED HERIN, OR MAY DECIDE TO MODIFY RATES, CHARGES OR ASSESSMENTS WHICH THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED, THEY SHALL PROMPTLY AFTER EACH SUCH DECISION GIVE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED RATES, CHARGES OR ASSESSMENTS, AND THEIR INTENTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING RELATING THERETO, IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL THEREAFTER CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NECESSITY OR ADVISABILITY OF THE PROPOSED RATES, CHARGES OR ASSESSMENTS.

(2) CHARGES TO CONSTITUTE LIENS. AN ANNUAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT OR OTHER CHARGE AS ABOVE SPECIFIED, INCLUDING ANY PENALTY OR INTEREST THEREON, SHALL BE A FIRST LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY AGAINST WHICH IT IS ASSESSED UNTIL PAID, ANY STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, SUBJECT ONLY TO PRIOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES. IF ANY PROPERTY IS SOLD FOR STATE AND/OR COUNTY TAXES, OR BOTH, BY THE COUNTY TREASURER, AND IF AFTER SALE THERE IS A SURPLUS AFTER ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCIDENT TO SUCH SALE SHALL HAVE BEEN PAID, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPON PROPER PETITION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY SHALL BE ALLOWED ANY BALANCE FROM THE SURPLUS, AND SHALL BE A PREFERRED LIENOR TO THE EXTEND OF THEIR LIEN.

(3) PUBLIC RECORDS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS TO EXISTING LIENS AND CHARGES AGAINST ANY PROPERTY WITHIN THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ABUTTING UPON ANY WATER OR SEWER MAIN, OR CONNECTED THERETO, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL KEEP A PUBLIC RECORD OF ALL NAMES OR OWNERS OF PROPERTY, LOCATIONS OF SAID PROPERTY, LOT NUMBERS WHEN OF RECORD, AND THE AMOUNT OF SUCH BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS, WATER SERVICE CHARGES, OR SUCH OTHER CHARGES THAT MAY BECOME LIENS FROM TIME TO TIME. SUCH RECORDS SHALL BE KEPT AS A PUBLIC RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR SUCH OTHER PLACE AS THEY MAY DESIGNATE, AND AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY, AND WHEN SO KEPT SHALL BE LEGAL NOTICE OF ALL EXISTING LIENS WITHIN THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DIRECT THE COUNTY TREASURER TO PRINT A NOTICE ON THE STATE AND COUNTY TAX BILLS THAT BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION MUST BE PAID IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR SUCH OTHER PLACE AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DESIGNATE.

(4) COLLECTION OF UNPAID BILLS. IF BILLS