

require whatever modifications as may be necessary to eliminate [such] THE 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] 60 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] THE 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] THE year a portion of the annual assessments fixed by the county for [such] THE properties, [such] THE portion determined by multiplying the annual assessment for [such] THE property by a fraction, the numerator being the number of months in [such] THE year in which service is available and the denominator being [twelve] 12. The partial assessments may be certified to the County Treasurer not more often than once each quarter and, if so certified shall be billed by the County Treasurer at the same time or times as county taxes for less than a full year are billed. If not so certified, the partial assessments shall be added to the assessments certified by the county for collection in the ensuing fiscal year. All sums collected by the county for benefits levied against the property for water, sewerage, or drainage construction shall be set aside as a separate fund to be known and designated as the "front foot benefit assessment fund." IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE ESTIMATED VOLUME OR CHARACTERISTICS, OR BOTH, OF THE WATER OR WASTEWATER FLOW WOULD PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE BASIS FOR DETERMINING BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL OF THE BONDS ISSUED, HE MAY AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SUCH A BASIS IN FULL OR IN PART. IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE USE OF A SURCHARGE RATE METHOD IS DESIRABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR UNUSUAL SITUATIONS