

RESULTING IN INCREASED DEMANDS UPON THE WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, HE MAY AUTHCRIZE THE USE OF THE SURCHARGE RATE METHOD. IN ADDITION, ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE DIRECTOR FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF CHARGES MAY BE AUTHORIZED. THE SUMS COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY FOR BENEFITS LEVIED AGAINST THE PROPERTY SHALL BE SET ASIDE AS A SEPARATE FUND AND APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED. IF THE COUNTY SO CHOSES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY COLLECT BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS DIRECTLY RATHER THAN CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY TREASURER AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. BILLS FOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE SENT MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, SEMIANNUALLY, OR ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE PROPERTY CWNER.

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For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing, and operating its water supply, sewerage, solid waste or drainage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including property depreciation allowances, and for interest on and the retirements of bonds as specified in this subtitle, the county may make the following charges:

(1) The rates for water, solid waste and sewer service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge. These rates shall be uniform throughout each [such] system operated by the county for each class of property but the county may make whatever classifications as it deems advisable within [any such] EACH system. Bills for water, sewer and solid waste charges shall be sent MONTHLY, quarterly, [semi-annually] SEMIANNUALLY or annually, as the county may determine, to each property served and shall be payable at the office of the County Treasurer or whatever other place as the county may designate. If any bill remains unpaid after [thirty (30)] 30 days from the date of sending, the county, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, shall cease to serve the property.

(2) The charge for the construction and upkeep of the drainage system and the water and sewer system, if any, shall be made upon whatever reasonable basis as the county may determine and shall be collected [annually in the same manner as are front foot benefit assessments against all property benefitted by that drainage system or having a connection within a water main or sewer under the operation or ownership of the county] IN WHATEVER REASCNABLE MANNER AS THE COUNTY MAY DETERMINE and shall be a lien against that property. These charges shall be based upon whatever classifications as the county, from time to time, may establish and shall be uniform throughout each sanitary system within each [such] classification.