

by the commission, but the commission may make such classifications as it] CLASSIFIED WITHIN FREDERICK COUNTY IN SUCH A MANNER AS THE BOARD deems advisable; [within any such system based upon quantities of water used] PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH CLASSIFICATION SHALL BE BASED UPON THE QUANTITIES OF WATER USED AND SHALL BE, INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, UNIFORM THROUGHOUT FREDERICK COUNTY. If the [commission] BOARD at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to the system, then a flat rate shall be charged on properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each [sanitary] system and based upon the ready-to-serve charge and the amount of water used. Bills for water and sewer charges shall be sent quarterly or semiannually as the [commission] BOARD may determine to each property served and shall be payable at the office of the [commission] BOARD or such other place as the [commission] BOARD may designate. Such charges shall be a lien upon the property served and collectible as elsewhere herein provided. If any bill remains unpaid after [thirty] 30 days from date of sending, the [commission] BOARD, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, shall turn off the water from the property in question; and the water shall not be turned on again until [said] THE bill has been paid, including a penalty of [three dollars] \$10.

(2) A charge for the [construction and] upkeep of [drainage] water and sewer systems against all properties benefited by such drainage system or having a connection with any water main or sewer under its operation or ownership. The charge for the [construction and] upkeep of the [drainage system and the] water and sewer system, if any, shall be made upon such reasonable basis as the [commission] BOARD may determine and shall be collected annually in the same manner as are front foot benefit assessments against all property [benefited by such drainage system or] having a connection within a water main or sewer under the operation or ownership of the [commission] COUNTY and shall be a lien against [such] THE property. Such charges shall be based upon such classifications as the [commission] BOARD from time to time may establish and shall be uniform throughout each [sanitary] system within each [such] classification; provided, however, that no charge for the upkeep of water and sewer systems shall be made against any property in any year for which such property is currently subject to a front foot benefit assessment as elsewhere in this chapter provided.

§ 10A-22. § 10A-29.

Front foot benefit assessments, DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS, water and sewer system upkeep charges, connection charges, [drainage charges] and other charges which the [commission] BOARD is empowered to make shall be liens upon the property served or benefited and, in addition to being enforced by actions at law, may be enforced by a bill in equity against