

county commissioners shall each respectively determine, within twenty days after the bonds are presented by the commission for the signing of such endorsement. In the event of any liability under the above guarantee, such liability for each county shall be in such proportion as the assessable basis of that part of either county within the sanitary district bears to the assessable basis of the whole of such district. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the commission may, at its option and pursuant to the provisions of section [71-12] 4-3 of this [Code] ARTICLE, waive the guarantee of such counties above provided for.

(c) For the purpose of retiring bonds authorized to be issued by this section, and payment of the interest thereon, there shall be levied against all of the assessable property within the sanitary district, by the county council and by the county commissioners of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, annually so long as [said] THE bonds are outstanding and not paid, a tax sufficient to meet the interest on [said] THE bonds, and to pay the principal thereof as the [said] principal and interest mature or become due; [said] THE tax shall be determined, levied, collected and paid over to [said] THE commission in the manner provided by section [6 of said chapter 122, or any amendment thereof] 4-5 OF THIS ARTICLE, and all of the provisions of [said] section [6] 4-5 shall apply to the bonds issued hereunder.

(d) For the purpose of retiring the bonds authorized to be issued by this section and the payment of the interest thereon and for the purpose of paying for the cost of the maintenance of its sewerage system and its disposal facilities, including the overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, and payments to the commissioners of the District of Columbia for disposal of sanitary district sewage, [said] THE commission shall be empowered and directed to make a sewer usage charge, chargeable against all properties connected to [said] THE commission's sewerage system. [Said] THE charges shall be based upon the water consumption of the properties connected to the sewerage system, except that where the commission furnishes sewerage service to a property which is not connected to the commission's water system the commission shall make a sewer usage charge on an annual, semi-annual, or monthly basis, which will fairly and ratably compensate the commission for the use of the sewerage system by such property, and in fixing the charge for properties not connected to the water system the commission shall take into consideration the usage made of the sewerage system by such property and the sewer usage charge applicable to like or similar properties connected to the water system. In the event that water furnished by the commission to any lot or parcel of land shall be used exclusively for any purpose which results in the water not entering the sewerage system of the commission, then and in that event the owner, tenant or occupant of such lot or parcel shall not be charged a sewer