

period of three months or more, and after 20 days if for a service bill period of less than three months, then a late payment additional charge of five per centum (5%) of such unpaid charges shall be added to the [said] bill and shall be collected as a part of such bill; such additional charge being in addition to and not in substitution for or derogation of any other right or remedy heretofore or hereafter granted to the commission by any other law.

(d) Whenever the state, county or any municipal corporation, commission, board, or agency of the state or county, or the board of education of any county, acquires property it shall ascertain if any bill for water and sewer usage charges are outstanding against such property and shall see that the bill is paid before it acquires such property. If the bill is not paid by the property owner prior to the date of acquisition, the acquiring authority shall deduct the amount of the bill from the price to be paid to the property owner and pay the bill amount over to the commission. If by oversight or mistake, or for any other reason, the bill for water and sewer usage charges has not been paid when the acquisition is completed, then the acquiring authority shall be responsible for the payment thereof and shall pay the same to the commission upon demand. As used in this subsection, the phrase "bill for water and sewer usage charges" includes the commission's usual late payment penalty if the same be applicable to the bill involved.

6-5. Service for charitable institutions, public buildings, etc.

(a) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby authorized and directed to supply without cost to any charitable institutions in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, not to exceed 100 gallons of water per day for each inmate thereof, and shall make no sewer usage charge for or on account thereof, provided such institution makes no discrimination as to the entrance or care against residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The minimum charges covering the cost of reading the water meter may be assessed by [said] THE commission against such institutions, which meter shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the institutions, and [said] THE commission may charge to such institutions the sewer usage charge and current rate for water used in excess of 100 gallons per day for each inmate thereof. For the purposes of this section, a charitable institution is herein defined to be one whose object is primarily eleemosynary.

(b) The commission shall collect its usual water rates, including a meter service charge, for all water used by any state, county or municipal authority except fire departments and/or rescue squads recognized by the county commissioners and/or the county council of the respective counties and/or maintained and operated by a municipal authority within either of [said] THE counties,