

9-725. SEWER UPKEEP.

THE CHARGE FOR THE UPKEEP ON SEWERS SHALL BE:

(1) COLLECTED ANNUALLY; AND

(2) A FIRST LIEN ON ANY PROPERTY CONNECTED TO ANY SEWER PIPE THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OWNS OR SUPERVISES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 427A(e).

9-726. SEWER SERVICE.

(A) CHARGE AND COLLECTION.

THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL:

(1) SELECT A REASONABLE BASIS FOR IMPOSING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE; AND

(2) COLLECT THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ONCE, TWICE, OR FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

(B) OVERDUE BILLS.

IF ANY BILL FOR SEWER SERVICE REMAINS UNPAID AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE BILL WAS SENT:

(1) THE BILL SHALL BE COLLECTIBLE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SERVED IN THE SAME MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEREST AS TAXES ARE COLLECTIBLE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM LIES; AND

(2) THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES SHALL BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE PROPERTY.

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9-727. HEARINGS.

BEFORE SETTING OR MODIFYING A RATE, CHARGE, OR ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR ANY WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM IT CONSTRUCTS OR ACQUIRES, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL:

(1) GIVE PROMPT NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED RATE, CHARGE, OR ASSESSMENT IN AT LEAST 1 NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AREA OF THE WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM; AND

(2) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NECESSITY OR ADVISABILITY OF THE PROPOSED RATES, CHARGES, OR ASSESSMENTS.