

provided for the improvement of private roads; providing that the county commissioners may set the applicable rate of interest; and generally relating to interest on county funds provided for certain road improvements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 348A
Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1969 Edition and 1977 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 9 - Charles County

348A.

The County Commissioners may construct and improve roads and drainage incident to construction or improvements on or along private roads after the approval of a petition of the majority of the property owners whose property abuts on the road to be constructed or improved requesting that the roads be taken into the County Road System. In the exercise of the powers granted by this Section, the County Commissioners may by proper ordinance, passed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, adopt all necessary rules and conditions for the acceptance, construction and maintenance of roads or other authorized improvements by the County. The ordinance shall also provide for the method of determination of the annual benefit assessments to be levied against the abutting properties for the purpose of reimbursing the County for the cost of the improvements and the time and manner of payment, but not to exceed ten years. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CHARGE INTEREST ON THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY FUNDS PROVIDED TO MAKE THE IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE ANY RATE OF INTEREST IMPOSED. Annual benefit assessments shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed, until paid, subject only to prior State and County taxes, and if any property be sold for State and County taxes, and there remains a surplus, then the County Commissioners may upon petition to the Circuit Court be allowed the payment of their lien.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.
