

[(e) Future front foot benefit charges for water supply and sewer construction shall be uniform for each class of property throughout the sanitary district for any one year, unless otherwise provided by law. Whenever the commission acquires an existing system, other than a municipal system, the construction cost of which has been added in whole or in part to the purchase of land or lots abutting upon the system and which contribution the commission has determined to be a factor in the cost to the commission of such system, the commission may, in its discretion, levy a front foot assessment less than the uniform front foot assessment levied in the remainder of the sanitary district. The amount of the charge per front foot for each class of property for both water main and sewer shall be determined from time to time by the commission as costs and conditions require, but no benefit charge for any class for any given year once levied by the commission shall be increased.]

COMMITTEE NOTE: The first line and the last line of former Article 67, are transferred to § 5-101(f). The portion of the subsection relative to the acquisition of an existing system may be found under § 5-105.

5-103. Payment of benefit charge.

[(f)] (A) BEGINNING AT THE TIME THAT IT IS LEVIED [The] THE benefit charge shall be paid annually[, beginning from the time of the levy thereof,] by all properties [located as above specified,] THAT ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE BENEFIT CHARGE for a period of years co-extensive [with] the period of maturity of the bonds [out of] the proceeds of which [such] FINANCED THE construction [was done] OF THE WATER MAINS OR SEWERS.

(B) (1) Subject to the provisions of this [subsection] SECTION, the benefit charge may be extinguished or redeemed, at any time, upon the payment to the [commission] WSSC of a sum equal to the amount of annual benefit charge, calculated for this purpose at the base rate applicable to the class in which the property may then be by reason of its use and disregarding any allowance for excess[, but in no event]. HOWEVER, THIS SUM MAY NOT BE less than the base rate applicable to subdivision residential property, multiplied by the number of years that it has yet to run, less the interest, at the rate of interest of the bonds [out of] the proceeds of which FINANCED the construction OF THE WATER MAINS OR SEWERS upon which the benefit charge is based[, was done;].

(2) [provided, however, that where] HOWEVER, IF the benefit charge is being paid and redeemed [at the time and on account] BECAUSE of the acquisition of the property by a state, county, or other governmental authority or