

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.]

(C) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "ACQUIRING AUTHORITY" MEANS THIS STATE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, OR ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COMMISSION, BOARD, OR AGENCY OF THIS STATE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

(III) "BILL FOR WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES" INCLUDES, IF APPLICABLE, THE LATE PAYMENT PENALTY PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4)(II) AND (III) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) BEFORE ACQUIRING PROPERTY IN THE SANITARY DISTRICT, AN ACQUIRING AUTHORITY SHALL:

(I) FIND OUT IF ANY BILL FOR WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES IS OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE PROPERTY; AND

(II) REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF ANY OUTSTANDING BILL FOR WATER OR SEWER CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY BEFORE ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY.

(3) IF THE PREVIOUS PROPERTY OWNER DOES NOT PAY THE BILL FOR WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES BEFORE AN ACQUIRING AUTHORITY ACQUIRES THE PROPERTY, THE ACQUIRING AUTHORITY SHALL:

(I) DEDUCT THE AMOUNT OF THE BILL FROM THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY; AND

(II) PAY THE AMOUNT OF THE BILL OVER TO THE WSSC.

(4) IF, BY OVERSIGHT, MISTAKE, OR ANY OTHER REASON, THE BILL FOR WATER OR SEWER USAGE CHARGES IS NOT PAID WHEN THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY IS COMPLETED, THE ACQUIRING AUTHORITY:

(I) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BILL; AND

(II) SHALL PAY THE BILL TO THE WSSC ON ITS DEMAND.