

deems advisable; provided, however, that such classification shall be based upon the quantities of water used and may [shall] MAY be, insofar as possible, uniform throughout EACH SYSTEM IN Carroll County. If the Board at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected to the system, then a flat rate shall be charged on properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each system and based upon the ready-to-serve charge and the amount of water used. Bills for water and sewer charges shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually as the Board may determine to each property served and shall be payable at the office of the Board or such other place as the Board may designate. Such charges shall be a lien upon the property served and collectible as elsewhere herein provided. If any bill remains unpaid after thirty (30) days from date of sending, the Board, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, shall turn off the water from the property in question; and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill has been paid, including a penalty of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

(2) A charge for the upkeep of water and sewerage systems against all properties having a connection with any water main or sewer under its operation or ownership. The charge for the upkeep of the water and sewerage system, if any, shall be made upon such reasonable basis as the Board may determine and shall be collected annually in the same manner as are front foot benefit assessments against all property having a connection within a water main or sewer under the operation or ownership of the County and shall be a lien against such property. Such charges shall be based upon such classifications as the Board from time to time may establish and shall be uniform throughout each system within each such classification; provided, however, that no charge for the upkeep of water and sewerage systems shall be made against any property in any year for which such property is currently subject to a front foot benefit assessment as elsewhere in this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 15, 1984.
