

THE PURCHASE, EXPANSION OR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS TO BE ACQUIRED, CONSTRUCTED OR RECONSTRUCTED BY THE COUNTY AND CONSOLIDATED WITH THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM AND TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AFTER GIVING DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES, THE COUNTY SHALL ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE ON SUCH ISSUE OF BONDS FROM THE FUNDS PROVIDED BY CONNECTION CHARGES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-13-22. IF NECESSARY, THE COUNTY SHALL LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OR OTHER CHARGES WITH RESPECT TO EACH SUCH SYSTEM IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PROVIDE A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE ON THE ISSUE OF BONDS EQUAL TO THE PROPORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE ISSUE EXPENDED FOR THE SYSTEM.

2-13-23.

(A) For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing, and operating its water and sewerage systems[,] and for its operation and other expenses, including property depreciation allowances, and for interest on and the retirement of bonds as specified in this chapter, the board may make the following charges:

(1) A water and sewer service charge. The rates for water and sewer service shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing through the meter during the period between the last two readings. The meter shall be required to be placed on each water connection by and at the sole expense of the county, and it shall remain the property of the county. [Such] THE rates shall be classified within Frederick County in [such a] WHATEVER manner [as] the board deems advisable[; provided, however, that such]. HOWEVER, THE classification shall be based upon the quantities of water used and shall be, insofar as possible, uniform throughout Frederick County. If the board at any time [shall] DOES 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]. THAT 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 EITHER quarterly or semiannually, as the board [may determine] DETERMINES, to each property served and shall be payable at the office of the board or [such] WHATEVER other place [as] the board [may designate] DESIGNATES. [Such] THE charges shall be a lien upon the property served and collectible as elsewhere [herein] provided. If any bill remains unpaid [after thirty (30)] 30 days [from] AFTER THE date [of sending] IT WAS SENT, 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]. THE water