

CHAPTER 57

(House Bill 825)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Water and Sewer Connections

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain property owners in St. Mary's County to defer connecting to a water main or sewer under certain circumstances; requiring an additional charge when a property owner who deferred connection applies for a water or sewer connection; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to water and sewer connections and connection charges in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County

Section 113-10 and 113-12

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1978 Edition and August, 1992 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 19 – St. Mary's County

113-10.

(A) The Commission shall provide, for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which under this chapter a water main or sewer is laid, a water service pipe or sewer connection[, which]. THE WATER SERVICE PIPE OR SEWER CONNECTION shall be extended as required, from the water main or sewer to the property line of the abutting lot. The service pipe or connection with sewer shall be constructed by and at the sole expense of the Commission, but subject to a reasonable charge for the connection as provided in § 113-12 of this chapter [, which]. THIS charge shall be paid by all property owners at the office of the Commission before the actual connection with any pipe or private property is made or by the property owner under such reasonable conditions and charges as are deemed appropriate by the Commission [, the]. THE method of construction and payment [to] SHALL be determined by the Commission. When any water main or sewer is declared by the Commission complete and ready for the delivery of water or the reception of sewage, every abutting property owner, after due notice, shall make a connection of all spigots or hydrants, toilets and waste drains with the water main or sewer within the time prescribed by the Commission. Where those fixtures do not exist or are of a nature which, in the judgement of the Commission, is improper or inadequate, satisfactory equipment shall be installed by the owner on the premises [consisting of]. THE PREMISES SHALL INCLUDE at least one [(1)] water closet and one [(1)] sink or washbasin, both of which shall be properly connected with the sewer of the Commission. All cesspools, sink drains and privies