

CHAPTER 309

(House Bill 1160)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Water and Sewer Department – Payment of Fees, Assessments, and Charges

FOR the purpose of altering the method of payment in Washington County for allocation fees and assessments for water and sewer service; repealing authority for certain periodic installment payments; requiring water and sewer service bills to be paid according to terms set forth, and at the County office designated in the billing document; authorizing the County to terminate water or sewer service if the bill remains unpaid after a certain period of time; and generally relating to the payment of fees, assessments, and charges for water and sewer service in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 6-306 and 6-307(d)

Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended by Chapter 86 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

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

Article 22 – Washington County

6-306.

[(a)] A property owner may pay allocation fees and assessments [as follows:

- (1) At] AT the time of imposition of an allocation fee or assessment[; or
- (2) In equal periodic installments coinciding with the billing for normal use charges, over a period of 5 years].

[(b) (1) Payments under subsection (a) (2) of this section shall include interest at such rate as the County establishes at the time of the imposition of the allocation fee or assessment. Each of the owners of a parcel of property shall sign a document prepared by the County to evidence this obligation.

(2) The document shall be evidence of a lien on the property to the extent of the unpaid balance and may be recorded among the Land Records for Washington County.

(3) The property owners shall be responsible for delivering the signed document to the office of the District.