

Article 9 – Charles County

Article II

**CONSTRUCTION, EXTENSION, AND Acquisition of [Private] Water OR SEWER
Systems OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS**

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A. In accordance with this Article, the County Commissioners may:

(1) Acquire and improve private water OR SEWER systems OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS after receiving a request that the private water OR SEWER system OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA be taken into the county system.

(2) CONSTRUCT NEW OR EXTEND EXISTING WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS AFTER RECEIVING A REQUEST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OR THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA.

[(2)](3) Levy an annual benefit assessment on the properties served OR TO BE SERVED by the [private] water OR SEWER system OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA to reimburse the county for the costs of acquisition and improvement, AND CONSTRUCTION OR EXTENSION.

B. After acquisition of a private water OR SEWER system OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA, OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OR EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA, it shall be operated and maintained by the Department of Facilities pursuant to the Department's rates and regulations.

C. In the exercise of the powers granted by the Article, the County Commissioners, by ordinance, may adopt all necessary regulations and conditions for the acceptance, acquisition, improvement and maintenance of private water OR SEWER systems OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OR EXTENSION OF EXISTING WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS. The ordinance shall provide for the method of determining the annual benefit assessments to be levied against the properties served OR TO BE SERVED by the private water OR SEWER system for the purpose of reimbursing the county for all costs of the improvement and acquisition OR TO BE SERVED BY THE CONSTRUCTED OR EXTENDED WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OR EXTENSION. The ordinance shall specify the time and manner of payment, which may not exceed fifteen (15) years. The County Commissioners may charge interest on the amount of county funds provided to acquire [and], improve [the], CONSTRUCT, OR EXTEND A WATER OR SEWER system OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA and shall determine the rate of interest imposed.

D. Annual benefit assessments shall be a first lien upon the properties against which they are assessed until paid, subject only to prior State and county taxes. If any