

charges to be uniform within a designated service area; allowing certain revenues to be applied to upgraded or improved water supply or sewerage systems; making stylistic changes and correcting certain references; and generally relating to the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
Section 113-9 E.

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1978 Edition and July 1996 Supplement, as amended)

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 July 1996 Supplement, as amended)  
(As enacted by Chapter 57 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
Section 113-9 O.

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(1978 Edition and July 1996 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**

113-9.

E. (1) In classifying property and levying any benefit ASSESSMENT charge any lot abutting upon any street, road, [land] LANE, alley, right-of-way or easement in which there is or is being constructed a water main or sewer shall be assessed an amount determined by the Commission to be reasonable and fair. The unit of measure for the benefit assessment charge shall be the front foot, the amount of which shall be calculated by procedures established by the Commission. Wherever there are a number of contiguous lots in the same block in one (1) ownership appurtenant to a residence, the Commission [may] SHALL combine ALL OF the lots for the purpose of calculating the assessment. Any lots may be assessed for their full benefit assessment charge even though a water main or sewer may not extend along the full length of any boundary.

(2) Land classed as agricultural by the Commission, when in actual use for farming or trucking purposes, may not be assessed a benefit assessment charge when the agricultural land has constructed through it or in front of it a sewer or water main, until the time a water or sewer connection is made. When so made and for every connection, the land shall become liable to an assessment of a FRONT FOOT benefit ASSESSMENT charge, not to exceed 300 front feet[, as may be determined by the Commission] OR THE