

(b) In any event, the Board shall levy annually, on behalf of the County, an ad valorem tax [upon] ON all legally assessable property in a drainage area in a sufficient amount, together with any drainage and assessments and any other funds available for the purpose, to meet the principal and interest requirements, when due, of any bonds outstanding, the proceeds of which were used for the construction, and related expenses, of a drainage system installed in a drainage area.

[15-21.] 14-704. Connection charges.

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this [subtitle] TITLE, the County may make a charge for every sewer and water connection. The funds derived from [such] THE charges may be used for payment of principal and interest on bonds, accumulating funds for capital improvements, for acquisition and construction of water and sewerage systems and the operation and maintenance [thereof] OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS and for the purchase of equipment and supplies necessary to the operation of the Board. Connection charges may be established from time to time by the Board. [Such] THE CONNECTION charges may be based upon [such] reasonable classifications as the Board may determine and [such] THE classifications may vary within any water or sewerage system and among any [such] systems depending on any special circumstances which the Board finds exists. The charges [herein] provided IN THIS SECTION shall not be limited to the costs to the Board for making [such] THE connections. The Board is empowered to determine the manner in which [such] THE charges shall be payable.

[15-22.] 14-705. Charges authorized.

For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water and sewerage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for interest on and the retirements of bonds as specified in this [subtitle] TITLE, 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] ON 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] ON 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 Carroll County in [such] a manner as the Board deems advisable; provided, however, that [such] A classification shall be based upon the quantities of water used and may be, insofar as possible, uniform throughout each system in Carroll County. If the Board at any time shall 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 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 quarterly or semi-annually as the Board may determine to each property served and shall be payable at the office of the Board or [such] other place as the Board may designate. [Such] THE charges shall be a lien upon the property served and collectible as elsewhere [herein] provided IN THIS SECTION. If any bill remains