

of providing service to the property. The Commission may collect a reasonable deposit in advance of furnishing water or sewerage service. The Commission shall begin the assessment of water and sewer service rates either at the time of the connection of all spigots or hydrants, toilets, and waste drains to a water main or sewer or on the expiration of the deadline for connection as required by the Commission in accordance with § 113-10 of this Article, whichever occurs first.

B. The sewer service rates shall be reasonable and shall be charged to all properties being served in a given sanitary district.

C. The water service charge shall consist of a minimum or ready-to-serve charge, which shall be based upon 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 the amount of water passing through the meter in excess of any water included in the minimum or ready-to-serve charge during the period between the last two (2) readings. The meter shall be placed on water connections as determined by and at the sole expense of the Commission. If the Commission at any time determines not to have meters installed in all the properties in a given sanitary district that are connected to the system, then a reasonable flat rate, as determined by the Commission, shall be charged to all properties in which meters have not been installed. This rate shall be uniform within a sanitary district.

D. Bills for the amount of the charges shall be sent monthly, quarterly or semiannually, as the Commission determines, to the owner of each property served and are then payable at the office of the Commission. If any bill remains unpaid after thirty (30) days from the due date or dates specified in it, the bill is overdue and the Commission may begin collection proceedings. At the request of the owner, bills for services may be sent, at the discretion of the Commission, to persons or entities other than the owner, provided that the owner states in his request that any bill so mailed will be considered as notice to him as if it were mailed to the owner in accordance with above.

E. When a bill is overdue and after written notice is left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, the Commission shall turn off the water or sewer, if possible, from the property in question. The water or sewer service may not be resumed until the bill or bills, and a charge as determined by the Commission to cover costs incurred to turn off and to turn on the water or sewer service, have been paid.

F. If any charges remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after the due date for payment, a late charge at a rate not to exceed one and five-tenths (1 5/10) percent per month may be made by the Commission until all delinquent charges are paid, the late charge to be in addition to all other charges.