

G. If any bill shall remain unpaid for thirty (30) days after the due date, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the county. The service charges and all penalties and late charges shall be a first lien against the property, and the same procedures as set forth in [Subsection 164(L)9] § 113-12D OF THIS CHAPTER, shall be followed by the Commission in collecting those debts.

**113-29.**

A. (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "EDU" MEANS AN EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT.

(3) "PUBLICATION" MEANS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING ANY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY.

B. (1) FOR EVERY PROPERTY, WHETHER IMPROVED OR UNIMPROVED, BINDING ON A STREET, ROAD, LANE, ALLEY, RIGHT-OF-WAY OR EASEMENT IN WHICH A COMMISSION WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM HAS BEEN BUILT, THE COMMISSION SHALL IMPOSE AND COLLECT A PER EDU SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE FOR EVERY EDU ALLOCATED BY THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY OFFICE OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT.

(2) SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGES SHALL:

(A) BE ASSESSED AND PAYABLE ON A MONTHLY BASIS; AND

(B) BE UNIFORM AND APPLY TO EVERY EDU EQUALLY.

(3) SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGES SHALL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH:

(A) THE CAPITAL COSTS OF CENTRAL TREATMENT FACILITY PERFORMANCE UPGRADES, IF THE PROJECTS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE COMMISSION'S 6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN;

(B) THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WATER SUPPLY AND/OR SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEMS, IF THE PROJECTS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE COMMISSION'S 6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; AND