

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 11 – Frederick County

2-13-20.

The county [shall] MAY provide A SERVICE CONNECTION for each [and every] property abutting [upon] ON a street or right-of-way in which a water [main] SERVICE LINE or sewer SERVICE LINE is laid, when [service to such] THE property [is feasible, a water service pipe and sewer connection, which] HAS THE APPROPRIATE WATER/SEWERAGE SERVICE DESIGNATION, AND PLANT CAPACITY IS AVAILABLE TO SERVICE THE PROPERTY. THE WATER/SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION shall be extended as required from the water and sewer [mains] SERVICE LINE to the property line of the abutting lot. The water service pipe and the connection with the sewer shall be constructed by and at the expense of the county, subject to any charge for the connection as provided in section 2-13-22 of this chapter, which [charge] shall be paid by [all] property owners at the office of the board. When any water main or sewer is declared by the board to be complete and ready for the delivery of water or the reception of sewage, every abutting property owner, after [due] notice, shall [make a connection of] CONNECT all spigots or hydrants, toilets and wastes drains with the water main or sewer within the time prescribed by the board. If these fixtures do not exist or are of a nature which, in the judgment of the board, is improper or inadequate, satisfactory equipment shall be installed by the owner of the [premises consisting] PREMISES. THE EQUIPMENT SHALL CONSIST of at least one water closet and one sink or washbasin, both of which shall be properly connected with the sewer of the county. [No] A private water or sewerage system [shall] MAY NOT be connected to any water or sewerage system owned or operated by the county. All private water systems discharging waste water into the county sewerage system, and cesspools, sink drains, and privies located on properties connected to sewers provided by the county shall be abandoned, closed, and left in a sanitary condition so that no odor or nuisance will arise [therefrom]. No roof or other drainage facilities shall discharge into the county's water and sewerage facilities. Whenever any property owner, after [due] notice, fails to [make connection] CONNECT with a water main or sewer, or fails to abandon all cesspools, drains and privies, as provided for in this chapter, the board [is authorized to] MAY have [such] THE connections made or [to] cause [all such] THE cesspools, drains and privies to be closed and abandoned, or both, and to charge the costs of [such] THE connection or [of such] closing, or both, to the owner of the property affected. [Such] THE costs shall be a lien against the property affected until paid, and [the same] may be collected in the same manner as county or municipal taxes are collected. Any violation of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor punishable under section 2-13-31 of this chapter.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 30, 1991.