

(1) The schedule [or changes] OF CHARGES shall be adopted by resolution of the Commission and shall be uniformly applicable throughout the [sub-district] SUBDISTRICT for which it is adopted.

(2) The schedule may provide for graduated rates based on the volume of water consumed on any property during any billing period, as measured by meters installed on the water connection by and at the expense of the Commission. It may also provide for flat rates which vary depending on the number of occupants of a premises, the type of use of the premises, the number of faucets or hydrants in use on the premises, or in accordance with any other reasonable formula that the Commission adopts. The schedule may also include special rates for charitable, religious, or public institutions whose property is exempt from State, County, and municipal taxation. Unless any special rate is adopted, the institutions shall be liable for water consumed on the same basis as all other consumers.

(3) Bills for the amount of water rates or charges, computed with respect to each property served in accordance with the above mentioned schedules, shall be sent monthly, every other month, [quarterly] QUARTERLY, or semiannually as determined by the Commission. Bills shall be sent to each property served and shall be payable within 30 days from the date of sending at the office of the Commission designated on each bill.

(4) If requested by the owner of any property, the Commission may in its discretion bill tenants of property for water consumed by the tenants, rather than the owner. However, those property owners are not excused from liability for any unpaid bills for water consumed on the premises. If the bill remains unpaid 30 days after it is sent, the Commission shall give written notice left on the premises or mailed both to the tenant, if any, and to the owner at [his] THE OWNER'S last known address. Then, the [commission] COMMISSION may turn off the water from the property in question and the water may not be turned on again until the bill, together with all other bills for water service chargeable against that property, has been paid in full. Payment shall include the penalty that the Commission establishes in the schedule [or] OF rates. If the bill remains unpaid 60 days after it is sent, the owner of the property served may be sued for collection in the same manner as private debts are collectible in the County. Whether or not judgment is received on the delinquent bill, the amount, including judgment, constitutes a lien against the property to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in [Section 6-601] § 6-601 OF THIS TITLE for special benefit assessments.

(c) Revenues; use.

(1) All revenues collected by the Commission from water rates and charges shall be applied as follows:

(i) The Commission shall provide for payment of the cost of operating, maintaining, and repairing the water system or systems of the [district] DISTRICT in the [sub-districts] SUBDISTRICTS from which the revenues are obtained and also for the cost of operating overhead of the District.

(ii) The Commission may reserve and set aside from the revenues appropriate depreciation reserves for expenditure on replacements of worn out equipment or facilities forming part of the water system, or for improvements.