

Ready-to-serve charges shall be added to, and collected as part of, the regular water bills and payment may be enforced by the Commission to the same extent and in the same manner as is provided by this title for water service charges. (1957 Code, sec. 546. 1957 ch. 694, sec. 892; 1961, ch. 743, sec. 546; 1970 ed. sec. 28-19; 1984, ch. 289)

Subtitle 9. Additional Systems

6-901. Purchase of existing systems.

(a) Acquisition. The District may acquire any private water system or sewerage system deemed by it necessary to the operation of any system owned or operated by it in a [sub-district] SUBDISTRICT, by gift, purchase, lease, or condemnation. It may acquire any publicly or municipally owned system by gift, purchase or lease, but not by condemnation.

(b) Interest in property. Before any part of the purchase price is paid, other than a nominal sum of money to bind the agreement, the vendor or agent shall furnish a statement to the Commission that sets forth all names and addresses of persons having any interest or claims against the property, which shall be verified by a written oath. The Commission shall notify personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, all persons having an interest in the property. In addition, the Commission shall give 3 weeks' notice of its intention to purchase the property in a newspaper or newspapers published within the County where the property is located.

(c) Hearing. Each person having any claim against the property shall file [his, her or its] THE claim with the Commission on or before the expiration date mentioned in the notice. At that time all persons shall be heard and their rights determined by the Commission, which shall be a final determination of those rights.

(d) Maintain and operate. After payment to the proper parties of the agreed purchase price or other amounts found to be due by the Commission, the Commission may take possession, maintain, and operate the system, whether private or municipal, as part of its general system. From the date of the payment all properties along the line of any water main or sewer of the system as acquired shall stand in the same relation, bear the same special benefit assessment, and be subject to the same regulations and penalties as though the system so acquired had been constructed and put into operation by the Commission under the provisions of this subtitle. A building or premises actually connected in an adequate manner with the acquired system at the time of its purchase may not be required to pay any connection charge.

(e) Unfit private systems. Whenever a privately owned water supply or sewage system exists which the Commission judges to be totally or partially unfit for incorporation with the [Commissions'] COMMISSION'S system, the Commission shall disregard the existence of the system or the unfit part and extend its system to serve the area tributary to the existing system or the unfit part.

(f) Extension. All the provisions of this title relating to systems constructed by the Commission apply to the extension.

(g) Municipal systems. Any municipality whose system is acquired by the District