

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

**Article 8 – Cecil County**

67-17.

A. Authorized. For the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued by the county AND LOANS ENTERED BY THE COUNTY as PROVIDED in this chapter [provided], for the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this chapter, the county is hereby empowered to fix an annual assessment on all properties, improved or unimproved, abutting upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way in which a water main, sewer or drain has been built. The [said] annual assessment shall be made upon the front foot basis, and the first payment shall be collected during the year in which the construction is completed on the water main, sewerage or drainage systems, or in which the systems are purchased or acquired. At least [sixty (60)] 60 days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the county shall certify to the County Treasurer, in such manner as shall be prescribed by [him] THE COUNTY TREASURER, the annual benefit assessments to be collected for [such] THE year. The County Treasurer shall include such assessments so certified in the county tax bills for the properties affected and shall remit to the county at regular intervals the proceeds from the collection of [said] THE assessments. If construction of a water supply, sewerage or drainage system, or any part thereof, is completed after the beginning of any fiscal year, the properties benefited shall be assessed for the remainder of [such] THE year a portion of the annual assessments fixed by the county for [such]THE properties[, such]. THE portion SHALL BE determined by multiplying the annual assessment for [such] THE property by a fraction, the numerator being the number of months in such year in which service is available and the denominator being [twelve (12)] 12. [Said] THE partial assessments may be certified to the County Treasurer not more often than once each quarter and, if so certified, shall be billed by the County Treasurer at the same time or times as county taxes for less than a full year are billed. If not so certified, [said] THE partial assessments shall be added to the assessments certified by the county for collection in the ensuing fiscal year. All sums collected by the county for benefits levied against the property for water, sewerage, or drainage construction shall be set aside as a separate fund to be known and designated as the "Front Foot Benefit Assessment Fund".

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For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter the county may make a charge for every drainage sewer and water connection. The funds derived from [such] THE charges may be used for payment of principal and interest on bonds OR LOANS, accumulating funds for capital improvements, for acquisition and construction of water[,] and drainage sewer systems and the operation and maintenance thereof and for the purchase of equipment and supplies necessary to the operation of the county. Connection charges shall be established from time to time by the county. [Such] THE CONNECTION charges may be based upon [such] THE reasonable classifications as the county may determine [and such]. THE classifications may vary within any water, sewerage and drainage system and among any such systems depending on any special