

town shall be empowered and directed to make such service rates as it may be necessary chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water main under their ownership. Said rates shall be uniform throughout the town of Leonardtown, but subject to change from time to time, as necessary. The rates for service shall consist of a minimum or ready to serve charge which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection by, and at the sole expense of the Commissioners of Leonardtown. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commissioners of Leonardtown may determine, to each property served, and shall thereupon be payable to the Commissioners of Leonardtown; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after thirty days from the date of sending, the Commissioners of Leonardtown shall, after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until said bills shall have been paid. If any bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after being sent out by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, it shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the town of Leonardtown.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioners of Leonardtown may enter upon any State, county or municipal street, road or alley or any public highway, for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the water supply system provided for under this Act, and it may construct in such street, road or alley or public highway, a water main, or any appurtenance thereof, without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge, except that if it be a state road or highway, a permit must be obtained from the State Roads Commission and the work must be done under such rules and regulations as the State Roads Commission may prescribe, provided that whenever any State, county or municipal highway is to be disturbed, the public authority having control thereof shall be duly notified, and provided further that said highway shall be repaired and left by the Commissioners of Leonardtown in the same, or a not inferior condition to that existing before being