

ditions require. Said benefit charges shall be paid annually, beginning in the year such construction is begun, by all properties located as above specified, for a period of years co-extensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which such construction was done; provided, however, that any property owner may, at his option, within one year from the time said front foot assessment or benefit charge is levied, extinguish the same by the payment in cash, in one sum, of the proportion of the estimated cost of the project of which the construction abutting upon his property is a part, represented by the number of front feet with which he is assessed, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, from the date of said levy, less any annual payment that may have been paid thereon. The Commissioners of Delmar, however, in estimating said cost for the purpose of extinguishment, may add thereto a reasonable margin to protect themselves against possible changes in the cost of construction and the loss of interest. All sums received under such plan of extinguishment shall be preserved intact by the Commissioners of Delmar, less the payment of the proportion of interest properly chargeable to the amount so received, and used for future construction. The Commissioners of Delmar shall at any time permit a connection with a sewer by a property owner whose property does not abut on said sewer, and who has not previous thereto paid a benefit for the construction of said sewer, provided the said Commissioners of Delmar shall first determine the classification of said property, and a front foot charge to be paid by said property owner as though his property abutted on said sewer; and in the event of such connection being made, said property owner and said property as to all charges, rates and benefits, shall in every respect stand in the same position as if the said property abutted upon a sewer. The annual benefit charge as above specified shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed, subject only to prior State, County and municipal charges, and shall be enforced by a judgment upon complaint of the Commissioners of Delmar before any Justice of the Peace or the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, and usual execution thereon. No such annual benefit charge shall continue as a lien for a period longer than two years from the date from which the same became in default, unless it is reduced to a judgment and duly recorded among the records of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County. Said benefit charge shall be payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Commissioners of Delmar immediately upon being levied and shall be in default after sixty days from that date; and said levy, and any judgment obtained as a result of the default of the payment thereof, shall bear interest at the rate of 1 per cent, a month from and after the time said levy is in default;