

ACQUIRE AN EXISTING SYSTEM OTHER THAN A MUNICIPAL SYSTEM, THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH HAS BEEN ADDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO THE PURCHASE PRICE OF LAND OR LOTS ABUTTING UPON THE SYSTEM AND WHICH CONTRIBUTION THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE DETERMINED TO BE A FACTOR IN THE COST TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUCH SYSTEM, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THEIR DISCRETION MAY LEVY A FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENT LESS THAN THE UNIFORM FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENT LEVIED IN THE REMAINDER OF THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SYSTEM IS LOCATED.

(5) CHANGE IN ASSESSMENTS. THE AMOUNT IF THE ASSESSMENT PER FRONT-FOOT FOR EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY FOR BOTH WATER MAINS AND SEWERS MAY BE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THEIR DISCRETION, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSE AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID ANNUALLY 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.

(6) CONNECTIONS; PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AT ANY TIME PERMIT A CONNECTION WITH A WATER MAIN OR SEWER BY A PROPERTY OWNER WHOSE PROPERTY DOES NOT ABUT ON A WATER MAIN OR SEWER AND WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID A BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER MAIN OR SEWER PROVIDED, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLASSIFY THE PROPERTY AND DETERMINE A FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENT TO BE PAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNER AS THROUGH THE PROPERTY ABUTTED UPON A WATER MAIN OR SEWER; AND IF THE CONNECTION IS MADE, THE PROPOERTY OWNER AND THE PROPERTY AS TO ALL CHARGES, RATES, AND BENEFITS STAND IN EACH RESPECT IN THE SAME POSITION AS IF THE PROPERTY ABUTTED UPON A WATER MAIN OR SEWER. FRONT-FOOT ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAYABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR SUCH OTHER PLACE AS THEY MAY DESIGNATE IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING LEVIED, AND SHALL BE OVERDUE AND IN DEFAULT AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THAT DATE OF LEVY AT WHICH TIME THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROCEED TO ENFORCE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND THE ASSESSMENT AND ANY JUDGMENT OF DECREE OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT THEREOF SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 1/2 OF 1 PERCENT PER MONTH FROM AND AFTER THE TIME THE ASSESSMENT IS IN DEFAULT.

(K) SERVICE AND UPKEEP CHARGES; CHARGES FOR OPERATION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, AND OPERATING THE COUNTY WATER, SEWERAGE AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND FOR OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING PROPER DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES, AND FOR INTEREST ON AND THE RETIREMENT OF BONDS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE HEREBY EMPOWERED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHARGES:

(1) WATER SERVICE CHARGES. RATES FOR WATER SERVICE SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OR READY-TO-SERVE