

BOARD. Connection charges [shall] MAY be established by the [commissioners] BOARD subject to the approval of the county commissioners] BOARD. These charges may be based upon reasonable classifications AS the [commissioners] BOARD may determine and those classifications may vary within any water[, ] OR sewer[, ] or drainage] system and among any of those systems depending on any special circumstances which the [commission] BOARD finds exist. The charges provided are not to be limited to the costs to the [commission] BOARD for making those connections. The [commission] BOARD is empowered to determine the manner in which charges shall be payable.

(b) The [commission] BOARD may permit a connection with a water main or sewer by a property owner whose property does not abut on the water main or sewer. The entire cost of extending the system to the property to be connected (specifically including, but without limitation, the cost of engineering and feasibility studies, and of acquiring necessary easements) shall be paid by the property owner requesting service. However, if the size of the extension required by the [commission] COUNTY exceeds that which may be necessary to serve the property of the owner requesting service, then the cost of the excess shall be paid by the [commission] BOARD. The costs to be paid by the property owner, as estimated by the [commission] BOARD, plus a reasonable reserve for contingencies, shall be deposited by the property owner with the [commission] BOARD before the [commission] COUNTY enters into any contract or incurs any expense in connection with the proposed extension. The cost of the extension required to be paid by the property owner shall be in addition to those front-foot benefit assessments as may be assessed according to Section [10A-19] 10A-25 of this chapter, and those connection charges as may be imposed according to Subsection (a) of this section.

[10A-21.] 10A-28.

For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing, and operating its water [supply, ] AND sewerage[, ] or drainage] systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including property depreciation allowances, and for interest on and the retirement of bonds as specified in this chapter, the [commission] BOARD may make the following charges:

(1) A water and sewer service charge. The rates for water and sewer 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 through the meter during the period between the last two readings. The meter shall be required to be placed on each water connection by and at the sole expense of the [commission] COUNTY, and it shall remain the property of the [commission] COUNTY. Such rates shall be [uniform throughout each such system operated