

Chapter 279

(House Bill 831)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Collection of Fees, Charges, Penalties, and Assessments

FOR the purpose of authorizing Washington County to include, for the purpose of collection, certain unpaid fees, charges, penalties, and assessments on annual tax bills; requiring that certain unpaid fees, charges, penalties, and assessments be collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes, subject to the same interest and penalty for nonpayment as provided by law for the nonpayment of county taxes; and generally relating to the collection of certain fees, charges, penalties, and assessments in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 6–309
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 22 – Washington County

6–309.

(a) **(1)** All unpaid allocation fees, water charges, sewerage charges, penalties, and assessments, whether billed or unbilled, constitute a lien against the property served.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION, THE COUNTY MAY INCLUDE UNPAID ALLOCATION FEES, WATER CHARGES, SEWERAGE CHARGES, PENALTIES, AND ASSESSMENTS ON THE ANNUAL TAX BILL OF THE PROPERTY.

(3) THE UNPAID ALLOCATION FEES, WATER CHARGES, SEWERAGE CHARGES, PENALTIES, AND ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORDINARY TAXES ARE COLLECTED, SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR NONPAYMENT AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR NONPAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES.

(b) The record of unpaid charges maintained at the office of the county constitutes public notice of the liens.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.