

**331.465 Rates for proprietary functions.**

1. The board may establish, impose, adjust, and provide for the collection of rates to produce gross revenues at least sufficient to pay the expenses of operation and maintenance of the county enterprise or combined county enterprise and, if revenue bonds or pledge orders are issued and outstanding under this part, shall establish, impose, adjust, and provide for the collection of rates to produce gross revenues at least sufficient to pay the expenses of operation and maintenance of the county enterprise or combined county enterprise, and to leave a balance of net revenues sufficient at all times to pay the principal of and interest on the revenue bonds and pledge orders as they become due and to maintain a reasonable reserve for the payment of the principal and interest, and a sufficient portion of net revenues shall be pledged for that purpose. Rates shall be established by ordinance. Rates or charges for the services of a county enterprise defined in [section 331.461, subsection 2](#), paragraph “b”, if not paid as provided by ordinance, constitute a lien upon the premises served and may be certified to the county treasurer and collected in the same manner as taxes. The treasurer may charge five dollars for each lien certified as an administrative expense, which amount shall be added to the amount of the lien to be collected at the time of payment of the assessment from the payor and credited to the county general fund.

2. The board may:

a. By ordinance establish, impose, adjust and provide for the collection of charges for connection to a county enterprise or combined county enterprise.

b. Contract for the use of or services provided by a county enterprise or combined county enterprise with persons whose type or quantity of use or service is unusual.

c. Lease for a period not to exceed fifteen years all or part of a county enterprise or combined county enterprise, if the lease will not reduce the net revenues to be produced by the county enterprise or combined county enterprise.

d. Contract for a period not to exceed forty years with other governmental bodies for the use of or the services provided by the county enterprise or combined county enterprise on a wholesale basis.

e. Contract for a period not to exceed forty years with persons including but not limited to other governmental bodies for the purchase or sale of water.

[S81, §331.465; [81 Acts, ch 117, §464](#)]

[93 Acts, ch 73, §1](#)

Referred to in [§28M.3, 358.25, 445.1](#)

Collection of taxes, see [chapter 445](#)