

the provisions of this Act, including overhead expense and power depreciation allowance, the authorities shall have full power and authority to make such service rates as they may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties served by a water supply system under their ownership. Service rates shall be subject to change from time to time as said authorities deem necessary. Said rates shall be payable at such times and shall be subject to such penalties for non-payment, as said authorities may determine, and they shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectible at law.

94Z. The authorities shall be empowered and authorized to formulate and cause to be effective such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for maintaining and operating the water supply system under their control, and may formulate and put into effect plumbing regulations which shall govern the installation and alteration of all plumbing arrangements on private property. Said authorities may require that no plumbing work be done on any private property without the receipt of a permit and without the payment of such charge as they may deem reasonable. Any violation of any rule or regulation promulgated under authority of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 94AH.

94AA. Said authorities whenever they deem it necessary may take or acquire any land, structures, building, water courses, water rights or other property, either within or outside the municipality, either in fee or as an easement, for the construction, establishment, extension, alteration, maintenance, or operation of any part of appurtenance of said water supply system, this to be done by the purchase of the same from the owner or owners, or upon the failure to agree, by the condemnation of the same proceedings in the Circuit Court for Wicomico County as now provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and said authorities may, at the same time, condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having an interest in said property. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the said authorities may enter upon and take possession of said property so condemned upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of the said award and all costs and taxes to date, notwithstanding any appeal of further proceedings upon the part of the defendant. At the time of said payment, however, they shall give their corporate undertaking