

with the water supply or sewerage system under its jurisdiction, and may order and require such changes in all water or sewerage connections, or plumbing, as they may deem necessary to eliminate improper use of water or sewers, or to correct defective plumbing. No private water supply or sewerage installation shall be constructed in the town of Gaithersburg without the person, firm or corporation doing the work having first obtained a permit from the Mayor and Council and paid a reasonable charge therefor, and such plants shall then be installed, maintained and operated under such rules and regulations as the Mayor and Council may require. Any violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 16 of this Act.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of paying the interest and sinking fund on that part of the bond issue covering the cost of water and sewer connections, as provided under Section 7, the Mayor and Council shall make such assessment for each of such connections as they shall determine to be necessary. All of said assessments for water connections shall be uniform throughout the town, and likewise said assessments for sewer connections shall be uniform, subject, however, to revision annually by the Mayor and Council as costs and conditions may require. Assessments for water and sewer connections shall be payable annually for a period of years co-extensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which they were constructed; provided, however, that the Mayor and Council shall establish a fixed uniform charge for all water connections and a fixed uniform charge for all sewer connections, fully sufficient to cover their cost and chargeable annually, which any property owner may elect to pay in one sum, at the time the connection is extended to his property line by the Mayor and Council, instead of said annual payments for said connection as above provided; and provided further, that any property owner, at any time during the life of a connection assessment, may extinguish the same by payment in cash of an amount, which, if put at interest at 3½ per cent, compounded annually, would yield an annuity equal to the annual connection assessment for the period for which said assessment has yet to run. Water and sewer connection assessments shall have the same priority rights, be payable at the same time and in the same manner, be enforceable in the same way, and be subject to the same penalties for non-payment, as front-foot assessments.