

owner or tenant, shall be a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 14 of this Act.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That any individual, firm or corporation having buildings, conduits, pipes, tracks or other physical constructions in, over or under the public roads, streets or alleys of the City of Ellicott City, which shall block or impede the progress of the water supply of the Commissioners of Ellicott City, while in the process of construction and establishment shall, upon reasonable notice from said Commissioners of Ellicott City, promptly so shift, adjust, accommodate or remove the same, the reasonable cost thereof to be borne by the Commissioners of Ellicott City, as to fully meet the exigencies occasioning the said notice, and should the exigencies of any case involve a taking in the constitutional sense, of the franchise or right in the exercise of which such obstruction had its origin, then the Commissioners of Ellicott City shall be empowered to condemn an easement in said franchise or right. Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 14 of this Act.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever it shall be deemed necessary by the Commissioners of Ellicott City to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, or any stream bed, water way, water right or water shed, either in fee or as an easement, within or outside of the corporate limits of Ellicott City, for the construction, alteration, extension or maintenance of any water main or appurtenance thereof, or for any reservoir, water purification plant, tank or pumping station, the Commissioners of Ellicott City may purchase the same from the owner, or failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same by proceedings in the Circuit Court for Howard County, as now provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and said Commissioners may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee, or other person having an interest in said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, water way, water right or water shed, and at any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the said Commissioners may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceeding upon the part of the Defendant. At the time of said payment, however,