

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 collectable against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectable at law.

348-H. Municipal 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 water supply, sewerage, drainage and refuse disposal systems under their control, and may formulate and put into effect plumbing regulations, which shall govern the installation and alteration of all water supply, plumbing and drainage arrangements on private property. Said authorities may require that no water supply, plumbing or drainage 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 misdemeanor, punishable under Section 348-O.

348-I. Municipal authorities are authorized and empowered to take over by purchase or condemnation any privately owned water supply, sewerage, drainage or refuse disposal system. Such condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 348-B. When any such private system is taken possession of, said authorities may extend or alter and maintain or operate said system in conjunction with their general system, and thereafter all properties along the lines of said privately owned systems, so taken over, shall stand in the same relation, bear the same benefit assessment, and be subject to the same regulations and penalties as though the system so acquired had been constructed and put into operation by said authorities; provided, however, that said authorities may take into account and compensate for any portion of the cost of constructing the privately owned system that they may determine to have been paid by properties abutting upon any portion of said system. Whenever there is in existence a privately owned water supply, sewerage, drainage or refuse disposal system, which, in the judgment of said authorities is unfit as a whole or in part for incorporation into the general system established by said authorities, said authorities may disregard the existence of said system or unfit part thereof, and extend their system to serve the area tributary to the existing private system or unfit part thereof, and all the provisions of this Act relating to systems constructed by said authorities shall apply to said extensions.