

plant provided for in this charter. Any condemnation proceedings under this section shall be carried on in accordance with the provisions of Section 143 of this charter, and the activities mentioned in this section shall be considered as public improvements within the meaning of Section 143 of this charter.

135. *Connections.* The City of Salisbury shall provide a connection, either free or at cost, as the council may decide, with water and sanitary sewer mains for all property abutting on any public way in which a sanitary sewer or water main is laid. When any water main or sanitary sewer is declared ready for operation by the department of public works, all abutting property owners after reasonable notice shall connect all fixtures with the water or sewer main. The director of public works may require that, if existing fixtures are unsatisfactory, new ones be installed and may require that all cesspools, sinkdrains, and privies be abandoned and left in such a way as not to injure public health. All wells found to be polluted or a menace to health by the director of public works shall be abandoned and closed. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

136. *Revolving Fund.* To facilitate connections with water and sewer mains, the council may establish a revolving fund of not more than twenty-five per cent (25%) of the depreciation reserve of the water and sewer revenue to finance the installation of the minimum number of fixtures in residences or dwellings required by the plumbing code of the city. Should any property owner for financial or other reasons be unable or fail to connect to the water or sewer mains upon reasonable notice, the city shall do the work or have it done. The cost of the work with six per cent (6%) interest shall be collected from the property owner over a four-year period. All such charges shall be a lien against the property and shall be collectible as city taxes are collected. These charges shall be billed and collected by the department of finance.

137. *Extensions Beyond Boundaries.* The City of Salisbury shall have the power to extend its water or sewerage systems beyond the city limits. All charges and expenses outside the city limits shall be under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Maryland. The findings of the Public Service Commission shall be final except that the city may appeal to the courts as is provided by law for other determinations of the Public Service Commission.