

paid for by the Commission. Every public service corporation, company or individual before it or they shall begin any excavation or construction in any street, road, alley or public highway within any sanitary district shall file with the Commission plans of such work and construction showing the location and depth in such street, road, alley or public highway of the proposed main, conduit, pole, pipe or other structure, and such construction or work shall not be begun until said plan shall have been approved by the Commission, nor shall any change be made in said approved plan or in the work or construction as shown upon said plan, except on further approval of the Commission. Whenever any main, conduit, pole, pipe or other structure is put in without the filing of plans with the Commission and the approval thereof by it, or when any change is made in the location of such main, conduit, pipe, pole or other structure as shown upon the plans approved by the Commission, or any approved change therein, the Commission may, if and when such conduit, main, pipe or pole, or other structure, interferes with the construction of or operation of its water or sewerage system, or other works, remove such conduit, main, pipe, pole or other structures or change the location thereof at the cost and expense of the party so putting them in, or their heirs, assigns, or successors, and without any liability upon the part of the Commission for damage that might be done to the same by reason of the Commission's operations in constructing or maintaining its systems or works. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 445 of this sub-title.

445. Every act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this sub-title, unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable by any trial magistrate or the Circuit Court of the County within which such offense is committed, and the offender shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or to confinement of not more than thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the magistrate or Circuit Court. Where such costs or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in, in violation of the provisions of this sub-title or of any rule or regulation formulated thereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to the conviction for a continuation of such offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

446. Any land owned by a church, and constituting the premises occupied by such or its parsonage, and used exclusively for public worship or for other religious or customary purposes of a church or parsonage and not for investment gain or other secular purposes, shall be exempt from the benefit assessments provided for by this sub-title in respect of a frontage not exceeding one hundred and fifty (150) feet. The Commission may, in its discretion, exercise in each individual case, grant or withhold a further exemption of the land so owned and used in respect of any frontage thereof in excess of one hundred and fifty (150) feet hereinbefore provided for.

447. The Commission each year shall file its budget with the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, and after the Commission has been allowed a hearing on said budget, the County Commissioners shall have the power to amend, alter or reduce said budget, in their discretion.