

misdeemeanor punishable under Section [445] 446 of this sub-title, and in addition to the penalty prescribed the Commission may turn off said water supply of any person violating said order at any time without further notice. No private or semi-public water supply or sewerage installation, intended for use of two or more buildings or premises, shall be constructed in any [sanitary] district without the person, firm or corporation doing the work having first obtained a permit from the Commission and paid a reasonable charge therefor, and such plant shall then be installed, maintained and operated under such rules and regulations as the Commission may require or devise. The Commission shall have full and complete jurisdiction over all fire hydrants connected with its water system and no person, firm or corporation shall operate, use or make connection with the same without the written authority of the Commission, excepting that no restrictions shall apply to any bona fide fire department in the discharge of its duties. No person, firm or corporation shall tamper with, deface, damage or obstruct any fire hydrant. Any violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section [445] 446 of this sub-title.

433. The Commission shall make such charge as it shall determine to be reasonable, for every water and sewer connection as provided in this sub-title, based upon the width and surfacing of the street, road, alley or right-of-way in which the connection is made; provided, however, that the connection charge on either side of the street, road, alley or right-of-way shall be uniform. All of the revenue above actual cost derived from such charges shall be deposited in the [Sanitary] *Urban Services* District Account and credited to the Commission as a fund for repairs, replacements or any extraordinary expense in the maintenance and operation of the water supply or sewerage systems under its control.

434. All sums collected by the County Treasurer for benefits levied against the property for water supply or sewerage construction shall be set aside as a separate fund to be known and designated as the Joint Sinking Fund. The Commission, in order to determine the amount which it may deem necessary to be levied under Section 430, shall deduct such amount as the Commission may estimate that it will be able to collect out of the benefits theretofore levied by it but not yet paid, from the whole amount necessary to be raised in any one year for interest and principal payments on outstanding bonds, and the balance then remaining to be raised shall be the amount to be certified to the County Commissioners of Wicomico County for collection by taxation as provided by Section 428.

435. For the purpose of providing funds for maintenance, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, and for interest on and the retirement of bonds as specified in this sub-title, the Commission is hereby empowered to make a ready-to-serve charge on water and a charge for the upkeep of sewers chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. Said rate for both ready-to-serve and such charge for the upkeep on sewers shall be uniform throughout such [sanitary] district, subject to such changes from time to time as may be necessary.