

SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE ROAD ENGINEER AND BIDS FOR THE WORK SHALL BE INVITED BY PUBLICATION AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN SUCH DAILY PAPER OR PAPERS AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DESIGNATE; BUT IT SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATORY UPON THE SAID COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE ANY WORK DONE BY CONTRACT, IF AFTER BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND OPENED, IT IS FOUND THAT THE SAME CAN BE DONE AT LESS EXPENSE BY DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF THE REQUIRED LABOR OR IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS OF SUCH NATURE AS TO REQUIRE THE SPEEDY REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF A COUNTY ROAD, STREET, ALLEY, HIGHWAY OR BRIDGE OR OTHER CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. NOTHING IN THIS SUB-SECTION SHALL REQUIRE BIDS WHEN SUCH WORK IS TO BE DONE BY THE COUNTY ROADS DEPARTMENT.

*(e) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall have the power to make all such rules and regulations with reference to the use of the roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the County by telephone and telegraph companies, steam railroads and street railways companies, gas, water and electric light companies, and similar uses thereof, and by individuals and the traveling public, as the County Commissioners may consider necessary for the proper protection of the said roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, bridges of the County and the rights of the public therein, and to impose reasonable penalties for the violation of such rules and regulations and may make other necessary provisions for the enforcement thereof, and shall have the right from time to time to change or alter the same. All such rules and regulations, when adopted and recorded in a book or books kept for the purpose, shall have the force and effect of municipal ordinances regularly adopted by authority of the Legislature of the State of Maryland.*

*(f) The police, magistrates and constables of the said County shall be charged with the duty of enforcing all such rules and regulations; and, in addition, to other methods of enforcement all of such rules and regulations, the said County Commissioners shall have the right to apply to the courts of equity of the State for an injunction to enforce compliance therewith, in which case it shall not be necessary to make other jurisdictional averment than the threatened breach of such rules or regulations, and the said courts shall have jurisdiction to grant such injunctions on such allegations being made. A certified copy of such rules and regulations shall be deemed the proper evidence of the same in any of the courts of this State.*

#### 524. Obstructions on roads; penalty

*(a) Any person or persons placing an obstruction upon any of the public highways, roads, bridges, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of Washington County, or interfering with, or obstructing the side ditches or drains thereof, or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions or in any other manner, or any person or corporation, its agents or employees, exercising the business of a common carrier permitting his or its vehicle or steam or other engines or cars to obstruct any crossing for a longer period than ten minutes at any one time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall*