

the exercise of its discretion, should determine that the water supply should be conserved, the consumers, upon notice from the said Commission, its agents or employees, or upon notice published in one newspaper published in [said county] *the County* for one insertion, shall comply with any order passed by said Commission to conserve the water supply. Any violation of said order shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 551 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] *sub-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 551 of this sub-title.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 543 and 544 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition), being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County", sub-title "Sanitary Districts", as said Sections were enacted by Chapter 694 of the Laws of Maryland of 1957, be, and they are hereby, repealed, and that two new Sections of said Code be and they hereby are enacted in the place and stead of the Sections so repealed, said new Sections to be designated respectively 543 and 544, and to read as follows:

543. Assessments in Aid of Construction.

Whenever the Commission shall determine that it is not financially feasible or economical to pay the entire cost of a sewerage system from the proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 534 or 535 of this sub-title, it may impose upon, and collect from, all properties in a sub-district, connected or to be connected with such sewerage system, an assessment to pay for a portion of the cost of the facilities in such sewerage system which, in the judgment of the Commission, are necessary for the operation thereof and which serve or will serve all properties connected therewith, including sewerage treatment plants, disposal fields, lagoons, pumping stations, outfall, tank and intercepting sewers. Said assessment shall be known as an assessment in aid of construction, shall be uniform in amount as to all properties in the sub-district, shall be imposed upon all properties connected with said sewerage system at the time of assessment and on each property which may be so connected thereafter, shall be payable in a lump sum or in equal annual instalments over a period not exceeding five years, with interest on unpaid balances at a rate not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, shall have the same lien and priority as is provided for special benefit assessments in