

~~are improperly constructed or are not of sufficient capacity or were constructed without proper authority from the State Department of Health since the passage of the Act requiring the same.~~ THE COMMISSION MAY PURCHASE ANY EXISTING WATER MAINS, SEWERS OR SYSTEMS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WHICH ARE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY THIS SUBTITLE.

409. *Contracts; authority of Commission.*

The Commission has full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply, sewerage, or drainage systems, with those of any municipality or adjoining county, or any other governmental agency, for the purchase of water and for the disposal of sewage drainage from any sanitary district, and to enter into any other agreement concerning any matter deemed by the Commission to be necessary, advisable, or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance, and operation of the water supply, sewerage, or drainage systems under its control, or those under the control of any municipality or county or other governmental agency. The Commission is further empowered, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, to enter into contracts with any municipality for the joint acquisition, construction, ownership, and operation of any water supply, sewerage, or drainage system or any portion thereof.

410. *Permits and connections.*

(a) Before any plumbing, water works, or sewer construction is done in any building or upon any private property within the sanitary district, the person, firm, or corporation doing the construction shall first obtain a permit from the Commission and pay therefor such reasonable sum as the Commission may prescribe. The work shall be done under and pursuant to such rules, regulations, and requirements as the Commission may from time to time formulate, and subject to such inspection as it may deem necessary; provided that, to avoid duplication of supervision, the Commission may waive this provision if the Department of Health issues the permits and makes the inspections required by this subsection in a manner satisfactory to the Commission.

(b) No private or public water supply or sewerage installation intended for use of two or more buildings or premises shall be constructed, nor shall any existing system be extended in the sanitary district unless the person, firm, or corporation doing the work has first obtained a permit from the Commission and paid a reasonable charge therefor. The plant then shall 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 may operate, use, or make connection with the system without the written authority of the Commission, except that no restriction shall apply to any bona fide fire department in the discharge of its duties. No person, firm, or corporation may tamper with, deface, damage, or obstruct any fire hydrant. A violation of any of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 425 of this subtitle.