

district for the purpose of providing each of the following services, which are hereby defined as and sometimes hereinafter referred to as "urban services," to wit: water supply, sewage disposal, storm drainage and surface water drainage, curbing and guttering, street lighting, police protection, fire protection, and garbage and trash collection, and disposal. The territorial limits of the district for each urban service shall be the county boundaries and the district for each urban service shall be separate and distinct except that each district shall contribute a portion of its revenue to the general expenses of the Commission.

(b) Areas already served.—The Commission shall not institute any urban service in any area where such service is already being provided by the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, a municipality or other political subdivision of the county or state government, a public utility or a volunteer fire company except as otherwise provided in this subtitle. Where such service is being provided by the County Commissioners, a municipality or other political subdivision of the state or county government, the Commission may take over and thereafter provide the service with the consent of the governmental body or agency previously providing it after acquisition from said body of the property and facilities used by said governmental body or agency in furnishing or performing such service; where the Commission proposes to furnish fire protection in an area served by a volunteer fire company, the Commission shall negotiate the terms and conditions thereof with the volunteer fire company affected both as to the acquisition of the property and equipment of the company, and the services to be provided thereafter by its members; where such service is provided or furnished by a privately owned public utility, the Commission may acquire the property of the utility by purchase or condemnation.

(c) Areas not already served.—The Commission may provide any urban service in an area where it is not already provided, and the establishment of a sub-district may be initiated by the Commission, by petition of the residents and property owners of the locality or by order of the State Department of Health.

(d) Expansion of existing services by others.—Nothing in this subtitle, subject to the restrictions set forth in section 530 hereof, shall prohibit the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, a municipality or other political subdivision of the state or county government, a public utility or a volunteer fire company from extending its existing urban service or initiating a new urban service into an area or areas not yet served by the Commission for that service.

515. Procedures for Establishment of Services.

(a) By action of the Commission.—Where the Commission deems it necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of an area of Wicomico County to provide any one of the urban services enumerated in this subtitle, the Commission shall first determine the exact boundaries of the area requiring such service and shall then cause surveys to be made of the area and a complete engineering and financial report prepared on the proposed service which shall include the estimated assessed property valuation as fixed for county taxation within the proposed sub-district, which estimated assessed