444. DISPOSAL SITES

444. The County Commissioners of Harford County may purchase, acquire, and maintain public dumps, dump sites or sanitary landfills, incinerator sites and machinery and equipment used in their maintenance for the use of residents not living in incorporated cities or towns and pay for the same by funds raised from real property taxes levied upon assessable property located outside of the incorporated municipalities of Harford County. The Commissioners may make such special charges for the use thereof by commercial waste disposal collectors as they may deem right and proper.

445. GARBAGE ZONES

The County Commissioners may establish garbage zones in Harford County and to establish schedules of service charges to be made to each household or commercial unit for the removal of garbage, ashes, trash, and other waste material. These unit service charges shall be sufficient to defray the cost of removal of such garbage, ashes, trash, and other waste matter in each established garbage zone. The service charges shall be levied and collected from the owner of real estate as county taxes are collected and shall have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties, and in every respect be treated as county taxes. The County Commissioners are further authorized to have the waste removal made by county employees or, after competitive bidding, to execute contracts for such removal by an independent contractor or contractors for such periods and upon such terms as they may establish.

446. Street Lights

- (a) The County Commissioners of Harford County may designate and from time to time discontinue or change special tax areas for the purposes of this section, within any portions of Harford County not included within the boundaries of a municipal corporation subject to the provisions of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland.
- (b) In any such tax area the County Commissioners may levy and collect a special tax levy for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a system of electric street lights along the public ways and streets of the tax area. The amount of this tax levy from time to time shall be added to and collected as county taxes are collected in Harford County.

Department of Public Works

447.

(a) A Department of Public Works is established under the supervision and direction of the County Commissioners of Harford County. The County Commissioners shall appoint a Director of Public Works for a term of four years from the date of his appointment or until his resignation or removal, or until his successor is appointed. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Director, the County Commissioners shall appoint a successor for the balance of the unexpired term. The Director must have the degree of Civil Engineer and experience in bridge and road building or have had at least ten years of practical experience in bridge and road building in a supervisory or executive capacity.