

410.

(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. *Outside the bounds of incorporated towns the Commission, upon a determination that public safety will be served, may require the installation of fire hydrants to public or private systems existing or to be constructed, and may prescribe such rules and regulations for the use and maintenance thereof as it deems necessary. The Commission is authorized to enter into any agreements with the owners or operators of such systems designed to install fire hydrants or other fire protection equipment as may be deemed in the public interest.* 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.

415.

Whenever the plans and specifications for water supply, sewerage, or drainage systems or extensions thereof shall have been completed and the Commission has decided to proceed with construction, it shall, when required by this subtitle, by notice in one newspaper published in the county and such newspapers and technical press as it may deem proper, advertise for bids for the construction of the system or systems, in part or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the Commission may reject any or all bids; and, if in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable or unbalanced, it may readvertise the work or any part of it or may do any part or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the Commission, in its discretion, may expend by day labor for construction an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) without advertising and receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the Commission may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction. *Nothing in this section shall preclude the Commission from performing any work with its own employees and/or equipment.*

417.

(a) To provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of Harford County, the Commission may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such water, sewer, and drainage systems as it deems to be in the public interest. The Commission may cause surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates to be made for such systems. Unless all owners of land which will be served by any such proposed improvements consent in writing to such improvements being made,