

tion of this provision shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 10A-21 of this subheading. The applicant for the construction or extension of any such privately-owned system shall bear the reasonable costs that the Commission may incur for the review and approval of any such plans and for the supervision by the Commission of the maintenance and operation of such system. All construction and operating records including cost records shall be filed with the Commission, which shall be empowered at any time to take over said system or part thereof or said water main, sewer, storm water drain, water or sewerage treatment plant or connection with any of them in the same manner as provided under Section 10A-3. Nothing in this section impairs the rate making powers of the Public Service Commission nor eliminates the requirements of the law for the approval of the Department of Health in the construction and maintenance of sanitary facilities. No private sewerage, water or drainage systems or extensions thereof authorized by this section shall be approved if the construction and operation of such system or systems will cause water pollution endangering the water supply of any municipality or other public agency or private utility corporation supplying sanitary services in Frederick County. If a private system approved under the authority hereof causes such pollution, then the Commission is authorized to require such modifications as may be necessary to eliminate such pollution and to take such other legal steps as may be necessary to enforce its orders eliminating the nuisance of water pollution.

10A-13.

(a) To provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of Frederick 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, the Commission shall construct any such system or extension thereof only after a public hearing held jointly by the Commission and the County Commissioners, after giving notice thereof in two newspapers of general circulation published in Frederick County at least seven days prior to the hearing. At the hearing, plans and specifications for the proposed improvements shall be presented together with the estimated costs thereof and estimated revenues to be derived therefrom. In any case where a public hearing is required, the Commission shall conduct the hearing and may proceed with the proposed improvements only after the County Commissioners, by at least a majority vote following the public hearing, have approved such proposal. The Commission may divide the sanitary district into water, sewerage, and drainage subdistricts in such way as in its judgment will best serve the needs of the county, and promote convenience and economy of installation and operation, and permit the raising of revenues and apportionment of costs to those served on an equitable basis, and it is empowered to keep its books of account accordingly.

(b) If the residents of any unincorporated locality in the sanitary district make application for a water supply, sewerage, or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in their locality, the Commission may require the applicants to bear the reasonable costs for