any preliminary engineering studies that the Commission deems necessary to determine whether it is feasible to construct the improvements. Upon the receipt of such reasonable costs as the Commission determines to be necessary to conduct the studies, the Commission shall have the studies made and within a reasonable time thereafter advise the applicants of the results thereof, together with the Commission's determination with respect to the application.

- (c) Prior to construction, the Commission shall submit its plans for projects and their financing to the County Commissioners for their approval.
- (d) The Commission, on or before the first day of July in each year, shall file with the County Commissioners a report on the activities of the Metropolitan Commission during the preceding year and shall include the plans and recommendations for the succeeding year.

## 10A-14.

Upon certification by the Commission to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as from time to time made, that the Commission is entitled to collect taxes or other charges upon any land situate in the election districts designated in such certifications, the Clerk shall not accept any instrument for recording among the Land Records of Frederick County until the instrument bears a notation by the Commission that all taxes or other charges due the Commission for the year in which the instrument is offered for record have been paid.

## 10A-15.

- (a) For the purpose of assisting the construction of needed sanitary facilities, the County Commissioners may make loans to the Commission under appropriate written agreements for repayment. The County Commissioners may make general fund appropriations or borrow funds for this purpose, upon such terms and conditions as they deem right and proper.
- (b) The legislative purpose of this section is to provide additional financial resources to implement the development of sanitary facilities in Frederick County; but it is hereby specifically declared that, insofar as feasible, such installations should be financed on a self-liquidating basis by special-user charges and benefit assessments.

## 10A-16.

(a) For the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, establishment, purchase, or condemnation of water supply, sewerage, and drainage systems in the sanitary district, the Commission, after the approval of the County Commissioners, may issue bonds from time to time upon the full faith and credit of Frederick County, in such amounts as it deems necessary to carry on its work, but at no time shall the total issue of bonds in the sanitary district for all purposes under this subheading exceed fifteen per centum of the total value of the property assessed for county taxation purposes. ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTY IN FREDERICK COUNTY, SUBJECT TO UNLIMITED COUNTY TAXATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE COUNTY MOST RE-