

Section 12-1909

In cases of emergency where any gas equipment, whether installed before or after the enactment of this subtitle, is an immediate threat to the safety of persons or property, or where it may interfere with the fire protection service of any fire department in the county, the Director of the Department shall have authority to cause such equipment to be disconnected or shut down immediately and without notice to the owner thereof. Upon such disconnection, the Director shall promptly notify the owner of said equipment.

Section 12-1910

The County Executive shall appoint a Commission to be known as the Gas Commission of Anne Arundel County. The commission shall consist of ten members, seven of whom shall be the same persons appointed to the Plumbing Commission, one member to be a Master Gas Fitter, one member to be a representative of a public service corporation enfranchised to distribute gas in Anne Arundel County and one member to be a representative of the suppliers of liquefied petroleum gases. The Master Gas Fitter shall be a resident of Anne Arundel County and shall be engaged in full-time practice of his profession in Anne Arundel County. Appointment to the Commission shall be for a term to run concurrently with the term of the County Executive or until their successors are duly appointed. Should a vacancy occur from any cause during the term of any Commission member, the County Executive shall appoint a qualified successor to complete the unexpired balance of such term.

Section 12-1911

The Commission shall have the power to elect out of their number a president and such other officers as may be expedient, and it shall have the power to adopt rules and by-laws for the orderly conduct of the business of the Commission. The commission shall meet at least six times a year and shall hold such additional meetings as the efficient discharge of its business may require. At any meeting or hearing conducted by the commission, the presence of five members shall constitute a quorum. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services except such reimbursement for their reasonable and necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget.

Section 12-1912

The Commission shall:

(a) Hear all complaints with reference to violations of this subtitle, and especially all complaints with reference to the pursuit of the trade of gasfitting and shall advise the director of the findings and recommendations.

(b) Advise the County Council on the adoption of rules and regulations designed to govern the conduct of the gasfitting trade.

(c) Advise the Director on the issuance of gasfitter's licenses, and in connection with this function, shall ascertain by appropriate written and oral examination the qualifications and capabilities of all persons who are or desire to be engaged in such trade.

(d) Advise and assist the Director in the making of rules and regulations, approval of materials and interpretations of this Code, and to make recommendations from time to time for future revisions of this Code.