

from the Public Water Supply System. Any violations of the provisions of this Section shall be a misdemeanor punishable upon Section 17.221 of this subtitle.

#### 17.205—Use of Fire Hydrants

The Director of Public Works shall have full and complete jurisdiction over all fire hydrants connected with the County water system and no person, firm or corporation shall use or make connection with the same without the written authority of the Director of Public Works, excepting that no restrictions shall apply to any bona fide department in the discharge of its duties. No person, firm or corporation shall tamper with, deface, damage or obstruct any fire hydrant. Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 17.221 of this subtitle.

#### 17.206—Conservation of Water During Shortage

Whenever, because of an actual anticipated shortage of the public supply of water, the Director of Public Works shall deem it advisable, he may restrict the use of the public water supply to conserve the same, and may deny water service to any user failing to comply with such restricted use and in addition may charge such user a turn-off and turn-on charge to be levied and assessed against such non-complying user in a like manner as other charges and assessments for utility services.

#### 17.207—Jurisdiction Over Privately Owned Public Water or Sewer Systems

The Director of the Department of Public Works shall have jurisdiction over all privately owned public water or sewer systems constructed after February, 1965, anywhere within Howard County which are subject to the laws of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and any person, firm or corporation doing the work shall obtain a permit from the Director of Public Works and pay a reasonable charge therefor and such system shall then be installed, maintained and operated under PLANS, specifications, rules and regulations as the Director of Public Works may require or establish, except those water and sewer systems that are presently operating as private systems and are subject to the laws of the Public Service Commission prior to February, 1965, and before such jurisdiction can be obtained by the Director of Public Works of any of these private systems there shall be a public hearing, notice of the time and date of beginning of which shall be published three weeks in advance in any of the local newspapers published in Howard County, giving the public full details, intentions and reasons of such intended jurisdiction desired by the Director of Public Works.

#### 17.208—Construction Requirements for Private Water and Sewer Systems

(a) No person shall construct, alter or extend a water supply system ~~of~~ OR a sewer system and/or treatment system within the County without first having received a permit therefor from the Department of Public Works.

(b) No such permit shall be issued until complete plans and specifications for the construction, alteration or extension together with such information as the Department may require have been submitted to and approved by the Department of Public Works and the County Health Department.