

SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, AND SHALL DIVIDE CECIL COUNTY INTO WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS IN SUCH WAY AS SHALL IN ITS JUDGMENT, BEST SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, AND SHALL PROMOTE CONVENIENCE AND ECONOMY IN THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION. WHENEVER, AND AS SUCH PLANS ARE COMPLETED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED WITHIN THE COUNTY, FOR THREE WEEKS, AND BY HANDBILLS POSTED AND CIRCULATED IN THE LOCALITIES WHERE SAID IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONTEMPLATED, AND SHALL STATE IN SAID NOTICE THE PROBABLE COST OF THE CONTEMPLATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND SHALL FURTHER STATE THEREIN THAT PLANS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OR SUCH OTHER PLACE IN SAID COUNTY AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY DESIGNATE AND THAT ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN SAID IMPROVEMENT WILL BE HEARD BY THE DEPARTMENT AT A TIME TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE, BUT NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION THEREOF. IF FIFTY RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS IN THE DISTRICT WHEREIN THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONTEMPLATED SHALL THEREUPON, AND WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST OF SAID PUBLICATIONS OF SAID NOTICE, FILE A PETITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT PROTESTING AGAINST THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GRANT THEM A HEARING WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER SUCH PETITION IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND AFTER NOT LESS THAN FIVE DAYS NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF SAID HEARING BY ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED IN ONE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND BY PERSONAL NOTICES ADDRESSED TO ANY ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE SIGNED TO SAID PETITION. AFTER DUE HEARING AS AFORESAID, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DECIDE UPON THE REASONABLENESS OF THE OBJECTIONS STATED IN THE PETITION, AND SHALL DISPOSE OF THE SAME BY WRITTEN ORDER WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SAME MANNER AS HEREIN REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED AND A COPY OF WHICH SHALL BE MAILED TO ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE PETITIONERS. IF THE PETITIONERS ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION, THEY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE AND ENTER, WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDER AS AFORESAID, AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CECIL COUNTY, WHO SHALL REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION AND DECIDE AS TO THE NECESSITY AND PROPRIETY OF THE IMPROVEMENT CONTEMPLATED AND WHETHER THE DISTRICT CAN STAND THE COST OF THE SAME; AND THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE FINAL.

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For the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, establishment, purchase or condemnation of water supply, sewerage,