

system to serve the area tributary to the existing system or unfit part thereof, and all the provisions of this chapter relating to systems constructed by the [commission] *Department* shall apply to said extension. Any municipality whose system is acquired by the [commission] *Department*, whether by purchase or condemnation, is hereby authorized to use the amount paid to it for said system for the purchase or redemption of any bonds or debt which may be outstanding against the same or the [commission] *Department* may as a part of the purchase price of said system, assume the payment of any such outstanding bond. The [commission] *Department* shall not purchase any existing water mains, sewers or systems, in whole or in part, which are improperly constructed or are not of sufficient capacity or were constructed without proper authority from the state department of health since the passage of the act requiring the same.

19-18.

After April 25, 1955, whenever a municipality or the property owners or residents of any locality in the metropolitan district CECIL COUNTY shall desire a water supply, sewerage or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in that municipality or locality, and the [commission] *Department* shall decide that it is inexpedient or impracticable at that time, owing to the remoteness from its general system or other causes, to build such system, such municipality or persons may build and operate said system at its own expense, but it shall be constructed under plans and specifications prepared by the [commission] *Department* and under its supervision, and its maintenance and operation shall be under the general control of the [commission] *Department*; and no such system or part thereof, or no water main, sewer, storm drain, water purification or sewage treatment plant, or no connection with any of them, shall be constructed or installed except as in this section provided, and any violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 19-22. All construction and operating records, including cost records, shall be filed with the [commission] *Department*, 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 sewage treatment plant, or connect on with any of them in the same manner as provided under Section 19-17 for systems existing on April 25, 1955. The [commission] *Department* shall be empowered to extend its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems into any area outside of any sanitary district contiguous thereto or in the vicinity thereof, when the property owners of said area shall agree to the charges, assessments and conditions that may be imposed by the [commission] *Department* as hereinbefore outlined.

19-19.

The [commission] *Department* may enter upon and excavate any state, county or municipal street, road or alley, or any other public highway, for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems provided for under this chapter, and it may construct in any such street, road, alley or public highway, a water main, sewer or drain or any appurtenance thereof, without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge; provided that whenever any state, county or municipal highway is to be disturbed, the public authority having control thereof shall