proper use of sewers. The County shall exercise control of the water supply at all times and in case of shortage of water or, for any other reason, the County, in the exercise of its discretion, may determine that the water supply should be conserved. The consumers, upon notice from the County, its agents or employees, or upon notice published in one newspaper published in the County for one insertion, shall comply with any order passed by the County to conserve the water supply. In addition to any other penalty herein prescribed, the County, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, may turn off the water supply of any person violating such an order at any time without further notice. Any restraint or hindrance offered by any owner, tenant, or agent or any other person, to the right of entry in this section provided or any violation of any order issued pursuant to this section is a misdemeanor punishable under Section 19-18 SECTION 19-29 of this subtitle.

## 19-11. Contracts; authority of Commission.

The County shall have full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply, sewerage or drainage system, with those of any municipality or adjoining County, or any other governmental agency in this or in an adjoining State, for the purchase of water and for the disposal of sewage and other drainage from any sanitary district THE SANITARY DISTRICT, and to enter into any other agreement concerning any other matter deemed by the County to be necessary, advisable or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage or drainage system under its control, or those under the control of any municipalities MUNICIPALITY or county or other such governmental agency. The County is further empowered to enter into contracts with any municipality for the joint acquisition, construction, ownership, and operation of any water supply, sewerage or drainage system or any portion thereof.

## 19-12. Permits and connections; exceptions.

- (a) Construction work. Before any plumbing, water works, or sewer construction is done in any building or upon any private it deems necessary. The County is authorized to enter into any agreements with the owners or operators of such systems designed to install fire hydrants or other fire protection equipment as may be deemed in the public interest. No person, firm, or corporation may tamper with, deface, damage, or obstruct any fire hydrant. A violation of any of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 19-18 of this subtitle.
- (e) Exception. Nothing in this section is applicable within any municipality or to any sanitary system operated by a municipality.

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(A) CONSTRUCTION WORK, BEFORE ANY PLUMBING, WATER WORKS, OR SEWER CONSTRUCTION IS DONE IN ANY BUILDING OR UPON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH-IN THE SANITARY DISTRICT THE PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DOING THE CONSTRUCTION SHALL FIRST OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SANITARY FACILITIES AND PAY THEREFOR SUCH REASONABLE SUM