

SEWERS

516A.

In addition to the powers conferred upon the town under its charter or under the provisions of any public general or public local law, the Commissioners of Sharptown shall have and may exercise the power and authority: (i) to plan, construct, reconstruct, extend, alter, improve, repair, operate and maintain a system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sanitary sewerage; (ii) to acquire, by gift, purchase or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, any interest in property, real or personal, necessary or appropriate thereto, and to accept governmental grants or loans in connection therewith; (iii) to borrow money to finance, in whole or in part, the cost thereof; and (iv) to do all things and take any action, by ordinance or otherwise, which may be determined to be necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any of the foregoing powers or for the regulation or efficient operation and maintenance of such system, or any part thereof. Violation of any ordinance passed under the authority of this subtitle shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punishable as the Commissioners of Sharptown may, from time to time, by ordinance provide.

516B.

(a) Any person having any main, pipe, conduit or other structure in, on or over any public way in the town or in the county which impedes the establishment, construction or operation of any town sewer main shall, upon reasonable notice, remove or adjust the same at his or its expense to the satisfaction of the town. The town may exercise the right of eminent domain to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(b) No person shall construct, place or change the location of any main, conduit, pipe or other structure in any public way in the town without first having submitted plans to the town and obtained written approval upon such conditions and subject to such limitations as the Commissioners may impose. If any unauthorized main, conduit, pipe or other structure interferes with the efficient operation of the system, the town may order it removed.

(c) The town may enter upon or do construction in, on or over any county public way for the purpose of installing, repairing or maintaining any equipment or doing any other thing necessary to establish, operate and maintain its sewerage collection, treatment and disposal system. Unless required by the county, the town need not obtain any permit or pay any charge for these operations but it must notify the county of its intent to enter on the public way and must leave the public way in a condition not inferior to that previously existing.

516C.

(a) The town shall provide a connection with sanitary sewer mains for all property abutting on any public way in which a collector main is laid. When any such sanitary sewer is declared ready for operation by the town, all abutting property owners shall, after reasonable notice, connect all fixtures with the sewer main. If the town deems existing fixtures unsatisfactory, it may require that satisfactory ones be installed and it may require that all septic tanks, cesspools, sink drains, privies and similar installations be abandoned, filled, removed or left in such a condition as not adversely to affect public health. All wells found to be polluted or to constitute a hazard to health may be ordered to be abandoned and closed.