

mediately after Section 471 thereof; and that Section 474(a) of the same Code, title and subtitle, as last amended by Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1966, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

471.

[The County Commissioners may establish garbage zones in Harford County and to establish schedules of service charges to be made to each household or commercial unit for the removal of garbage, ashes, trash, and other waste material. These unit service charges shall be sufficient to defray the cost of removal of such garbage, ashes, trash, and other waste matter in each established garbage zone. The service charges shall be levied and collected from the owner of real estate as county taxes are collected and shall have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties, and in every respect be treated as county taxes. The County Commissioners are further authorized to have the waste removal made by county employees, or, after competitive bidding, to execute contracts for such removal by an independent contractor or contractors for such periods and upon such terms as they may establish.]

*(a) The County Commissioners may establish a Division of Waste Disposal within the Department of Public Works with the following powers and duties:*

*(1) To establish waste disposal zones in Harford County and to adopt schedules of service charges to be made to each household, commercial, industrial or other unit, for the removal of garbage, ashes, trash or other waste material. These unit charges shall be sufficient to defray the cost of removal of the waste matter in each established zone. The service charges shall be levied and collected from the owner of real estate as county taxes are collected and shall have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties, and in every respect be treated as county taxes. The County Commissioners are further authorized to have the waste removal made by county employees or, after competitive bidding, to execute contracts for its removal by an independent contractor or contractors for whatever periods and upon whatever terms as they may establish.*

*(2) To develop a plan for the systematic collection and disposal of litter, refuse or other solid waste for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Section 389C of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*

*(3) To provide leadership and to cooperate with citizens, civic groups, the Harford County Environmental Committee, the Maryland Historic Trust, the State Roads Commission, the Department of Forests and Parks, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, municipalities, and other governmental agencies for the purpose of collecting and disposing of waste materials; to enter agreements with the above parties and to provide those governmental services necessary to achieve the objective of a clean and healthy environment.*

*(b) Either the County Commissioners, acting directly, or the Division of Waste Disposal shall have the power to enter upon THE premises and abate the nuisance whenever the person or persons in*