

thereof or no water main, sewer, storm drain, water purification, incinerator, reclamation plant, solid waste system, or sewage treatment plant or 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 the provisions of this subtitle. The applicant for the construction or extension of any such privately-owned system shall bear the reasonable costs that the county may incur for the review and approval of any such plans and for the supervision by the county of the CONSTRUCTION, maintenance and operation of such system. All construction and operating records including cost records shall be filed with the county, which shall be empowered at any time to take over the system or part thereof or the water main, sewer, storm water drain, water or sewage treatment plant, solid waste system or connection with any of them in the same manner as provided under this subtitle. Nothing in this section shall impair the rate making powers of the Public Service Commission nor eliminate the requirements of the law for the approval of the Department of Health in the construction and maintenance of sanitary facilities. No private water supply, sewerage, solid waste or drainage systems or extensions thereof authorized by this section shall be approved if the construction and operation of this system or systems will cause water pollution which endangers the WATERS, INCLUDING SHELLFISH BEDS, AS WELL AS THE water supply of the county, any municipality or other public agency or private utility corporation supplying sanitary services in Queen Anne's County. If a private system approved under the authority hereof causes such pollution, then the county is authorized to require whatever modifications as may be necessary to eliminate such pollution and to take such other legal steps as may be necessary to enforce its orders eliminating the nuisance of water pollution.

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(b) The county, for the purpose of assessing benefits, shall divide all properties in the sanitary district abutting upon a street, road, land, alley or right-of-way, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid into four classes, namely: agricultural, small acreage, industrial or business, and subdivision property, and the county may subdivide each of the classes in whatever manner as it may deem to be in the public interest. Whenever any water supply or sewerage project, or part thereof, in the sanitary district shall have been completed, the county shall fix and levy benefit assessments upon all properties in the sanitary district abutting upon the water main or sewer, in accordance with the classification or subdivision