

THEREAFTER THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NECESSITY OR ADVISABILITY OF THE PROPOSED RATES, CHARGES, OR ASSESSMENTS.

(D) WITHOUT IN ANY WAY LIMITING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER OR OF ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW, THE COUNTY HAS AND MAY EXERCISE ALL POWERS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING, BUT WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE FOLLOWING:

(1) TO SUE AND BE SUED, IMPEAD AND BE IMPEADED, COMPLAIN, AND DEFEND IN ALL COURTS.

(2) TO APPOINT OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS, ACCOUNTANTS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND SERVANTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER AND TO FIX THEIR COMPENSATION AND TO SUPERVISE THEIR DUTIES.

(3) TO BORROW MONEY AND ISSUE BONDS, CERTIFICATES, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS, THE BORROWING OF ALL MONEY AND THE ISSUANCE OF ALL BONDS BEING SUBJECT TO THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER.

(4) TO ESTABLISH, EXTEND, AND MAINTAIN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

(5) FREDERICK COUNTY IS DECLARED TO BE A SANITARY DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS VESTED BY THIS CHAPTER IN THE BOARD; PROVIDED:

(I) THAT THE BOARD SHALL EXERCISE NO AUTHORITY OVER THE OPERATION OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWERAGE, WATER, AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES OF ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING THE EXTENSION OF SUCH FACILITIES BEYOND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY, AS SUCH EXTENSIONS MAY EXIST ON JULY 1, 1968; AND

(II) THAT THE EXTENSION OF SUCH FACILITIES BEYOND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY AFTER JULY 1, 1968 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT THAT SUCH APPROVAL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN THE EVENT OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; AND

(III) THAT IN EXERCISING THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS CHAPTER, THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ANY PLANNING REGULATIONS OR ZONING ORDINANCES ENACTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 66B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(6) TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ANY THIRD PERSON TO EFFECT THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER.