

THE COUNTY SHALL ANNUALLY HAVE ANY ACCOUNTS WHICH ARE MAINTAINED TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHAPTER AUDITED BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO BE SELECTED BY THE BOARD; ALL FEES INCURRED BY SUCH ACCOUNTANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUDIT SHALL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY.

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(A) TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, THE COUNTY MAY ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SUCH WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AS IT DEEMS TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE COUNTY MAY CAUSE SURVEYS, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES TO BE MADE FOR SUCH SYSTEMS. THE COUNTY SHALL CONSTRUCT ANY SUCH SYSTEM OR EXTENSION THEREOF ONLY AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE BOARD, AFTER GIVING NOTICE THEREOF IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED IN FREDERICK COUNTY AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, AND IN THE CASE OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, ONLY AFTER A DRAINAGE AREA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10A-8 OF THIS CHAPTER. AT THE HEARINGS, A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE PRESENTED TOGETHER WITH THE ESTIMATED COSTS THEREOF AND ESTIMATED REVENUES TO BE DERIVED THEREFROM.

(B) THE POWER AND AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE COUNTY BY THIS CHAPTER MAY BE EXERCISED BY IT THROUGHOUT FREDERICK COUNTY, PROVIDED THAT THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE FOR SUBSERVICE AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

(1) THAT ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY BY APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TRANSFER THE JURISDICTION, POWER, AND CONTROL OF ANY SEWERAGE, WATER, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF SUCH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO THE COUNTY UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND MAY CONSENT TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA.

(2) THAT ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH THERE IS NO EXISTING SEWERAGE, WATER, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAY CONSENT TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA.

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IF THE RESIDENTS OF ANY UNINCORPORATED LOCALITY IN FREDERICK COUNTY MAKE APPLICATION FOR A WATER, SEWERAGE, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEM, OR PART THEREOF, TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THEIR LOCALITY, THE COUNTY MAY REQUIRE THE APPLICANTS TO BEAR THE REASONABLE COSTS FOR ANY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDIES THAT THE BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE TO CONSTRUCT THE IMPROVEMENTS. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH REASONABLE COSTS AS THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE STUDIES, THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE STUDIES MADE AND WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME THEREAFTER ADVISE THE APPLICANTS OF THE RESULTS THEREOF TOGETHER WITH THE BOARD'S DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION.

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