

'commission' COUNTY is authorized to require such modifications as may be necessary to eliminate the pollution and to take such other legal steps as may be necessary to enforce its orders eliminating the nuisance of water pollution.

10A-13.

(a) To provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of Frederick County, the commission may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such water, sewer, and drainage systems as it deems to be in the public interest. The commission may cause surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates to be made for such systems. Unless all owners of land which will be served by any such proposed improvements consent in writing to such improvements being made, the commission shall construct any such system or extension thereof only after a public hearing held jointly by the commission and the county commissioners, after giving notice thereof in two newspapers of general circulation published in Frederick County at least seven days prior to the hearing. At the hearing, plans and specifications for the proposed improvements shall be presented together with the estimated costs thereof and estimated revenues to be derived therefrom. In any case where a public hearing is required, the commission shall conduct the hearing and may proceed with the proposed improvements only after the county commissioners, by at least a majority vote following the public hearing, have approved such proposal. The commission may divide the sanitary district into water, sewerage, and drainage subdistricts in such way as in its judgment will best serve the needs of the county, and promote convenience and economy of installation and operation, and permit the raising of revenues and apportionment of costs to those served on an equitable basis, and it is empowered to keep its books of account accordingly.

(b) If the residents of any unincorporated locality in the sanitary district make application for a water supply, sewerage, or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in their locality, the commission may require the applicants to bear the reasonable costs for any preliminary engineering studies that the commission deems necessary to determine whether it is feasible to construct the improvements. Upon the receipt of such reasonable costs as the commission determines to be necessary to conduct the studies, the commission shall have the studies made and within a reasonable time thereafter advise the applicants of the results thereof, together with the commission's determination with respect to the application.

(c) Prior to construction, the commission shall submit its plans for projects and their financing to the county commissioners for their approval.