

9-1. Generally; power to make and enforce; notice; violations.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this [subtitle] ARTICLE, the commission is hereby authorized to adopt, formulate and revise from time to time, and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this [subtitle] ARTICLE and any other laws the enforcement and administration of which is vested in the commission. The commission may limit or regulate the use and supply of water service, sanitary sewer service, refuse collection and disposal service and storm and surface water drainage service, on a temporary basis in any area or to any premise served by its facilities, as the exigencies of the occasion and the protection of its systems may require. The commission shall make such regulations not inconsistent with law as it may deem necessary for the public safety, health, comfort or convenience, in the construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, relocation, replacement, renovation and repair of its water system, sanitary sewer system, refuse collection and disposal system and storm and surface water drainage system. The commission may fix the forms of permits and specify the nature, type and amount of information, detail and engineering data required to be submitted for any permit authorized or required by this [subtitle] ARTICLE.

(b) Except for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety or for emergency provisions required to protect the commission's systems such rules and regulations, and any revisions thereof, shall be promulgated not less than [thirty (30)] 30 days prior to their effective date, with notice being given by publication in at least one newspaper printed and published in Montgomery County and one newspaper printed and published in Prince George's County.

(c) Any regulation adopted by the commission pursuant to this section shall have the force and authority of law, and a violation of the same shall be a misdemeanor, punishable as are other misdemeanors under this [subtitle] ARTICLE, as specified in section [83-108] 18-7.

9-2. Gas fixtures, devices and connections -- Generally.

(A) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby authorized and directed to adopt, formulate, promulgate and revise rules and regulations from time to time, whenever in its judgment it may deem the same necessary or desirable, for the construction, installation, and equipment of gas fixtures, devices, and connections from the outlet of the meter supplying any building, within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District as the same is now created by law, or within any extensions or additions thereto, with the right in [said] THE commission to require a permit and to charge a fee therefor. Such rules and regulations and any revisions thereof shall be promulgated within thirty days prior to their adoption by advertising in