

construction, alteration or extension of a water supply system, a sewage collection and disposal system in the areas described in subsection (a) hereof, with the right in the commission to charge a reasonable fee therefor, not exceeding six per cent of the estimated construction cost of any such project. The commission is further authorized and directed to make inspections of all such projects during the course of construction and to require such construction to be in conformity with the approved plans.

(c) Upon the completion of any such project the individual, firm or corporation constructing the same shall file with the commission as a permanent record a certified copy of the plans in full, showing the work as built, and such record shall be of such character and in such forms as may be prescribed by the commission. Any water supply, sewage collection and disposal system, including oxidation ponds or sewage lagoons, which is not exempt from the requirements for a permit pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, shall be installed, maintained and operated under such reasonable rules and regulations as the commission may require or devise. The commission is authorized and directed to make inspections of the operations of all such projects and to require the owners or operators thereof to maintain and operate them in compliance with the commission's reasonable requirements and with due regard to public health, safety and comfort. The commission is authorized to fix and collect from the owners or operators of such systems a reasonable fee for its supervision and inspection. Whenever an owner or operator of such system fails or refuses to make any correction or fails or refuses to maintain and operate the system in compliance with the commission's reasonable requirements, the commission may make the correction or, if necessary, take over for so long a period as may be necessary for the operation of the system and collect the costs therefor from the owners or operators. After construction of a water or sewage treatment facility pursuant to a commission permit, if the operation thereof is subject to inspection by the state department of health and mental hygiene, the commission shall not be required to duplicate those operational inspection functions, and its operation and inspection fee shall be eliminated or reduced commensurate with the eliminated inspection activities. All other aspects of the commission permit for the facility shall continue.

(d) The areas described herein shall be exempt from any taxes and/or assessments by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission until such areas are included within the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

(e) This section shall not apply to any water supply, sewage collection and disposal system constructed for the sole purpose of serving any single building, or a group of buildings serving as a single farm unit or as a single commercial or industrial establishment, but this section shall apply to any apartment house with five or more dwelling units. This section shall not apply to any system