

[9-1.] 9-101. Generally; power to make and enforce; notice; violations.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by this article, the [commission is hereby authorized to] WSSC MAY 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 article and any other laws the enforcement and administration of which is vested in the [commission] WSSC.

(2) The [commission] WSSC may:

(I) [limit] 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] PREMISES served by [its] THE WSSC'S facilities, as the [exigencies] NEEDS of the occasion and the protection of [its] THE WSSC'S systems [may] require[.];

(II) [The commission shall make such] ADOPT RULES AND regulations not inconsistent with law [as it may deem] THAT THE WSSC CONSIDERS necessary for the public safety, health, comfort, or convenience[, ] in the construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, relocation, replacement, renovation, and repair of [its] THE WSSC'S water system, sanitary sewer system, [refuse collection and disposal system,] and storm and surface water drainage system[.]; AND

(III) [The commission may fix] FIX the forms of permits and specify the nature, type, and amount of information, detail, and engineering data [required to be submitted] THAT A PERSON MUST SUBMIT TO THE WSSC for any permit authorized or required by this article.

(b) Except for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety or for emergency provisions required to protect the [commission's] WSSC'S systems, [such] THE WSSC SHALL PUBLISH SEPARATE NOTICES OF ANY NEW rules and regulations WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION[, and any revisions thereof, shall be promulgated not less than] AT LEAST 30 days [prior to] BEFORE their effective date[, with notice being given by publication] in at least [one] 1 newspaper [printed and] published in [Montgomery County and one newspaper printed and published in Prince George's County] EACH COUNTY.

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