

[9-2.] 9-102. Gas fixtures, devices and connections -- Generally.

(a) (1) The [Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby authorized and directed to] WSSC MAY adopt[, formulate, promulgate and revise] rules and regulations [from time to time, whenever in its judgment it may deem the same] THAT THE WSSC CONSIDERS 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] IN the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District [as the same is now created by law, or within any extensions or additions thereto, with the right in the commission to require a permit and to charge a fee therefor]. THE WSSC MAY REQUIRE A PERMIT AND CHARGE A FEE FOR THESE GAS FIXTURES, DEVICES, AND CONNECTIONS.

COMMITTEE NOTE: The second sentence of this paragraph is new language derived without substantive change from the first and last sentences of former Article 67, § 9-3.

[Such rules and regulations and any revisions thereof shall be promulgated within thirty days prior to their adoption by advertising in two newspapers in both Prince George's and Montgomery counties that such rules and regulations and/or revisions thereof will be adopted unless good cause to the contrary is shown.]

(2) THE WSSC SHALL PUBLISH SEPARATE NOTICES OF ANY NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THEIR EFFECTIVE DATE IN AT LEAST 2 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN EACH COUNTY.

[(b) Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the rules or regulations so adopted shall, upon conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not more than \$100.00 or be imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.]

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT VIOLATE ANY OF THE RULES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE WSSC UNDER THIS SECTION.

[9-3] 9-103. Same -- Exceptions as to bottled gas.

[The authority of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to adopt, formulate, promulgate and devise rules and regulations for the construction, installation and equipment of gas fixtures, devices and connections from the outlet of the meter supplying any building, which is provided for by chapter 451 of the Acts of 1943, as amended, being section 9-2 of this article, is extended to include