

empowered to enter into contracts with any municipality for the joint acquisition, construction, ownership, and operation of any water, sewerage, or drainage system or any portion thereof.

[15-8.] 14-302. Permits for work; fire hydrants.

(a) Before any plumbing, water works, or sewer construction is done in any building or upon any private property within Carroll County, the person, firm, or corporation doing the construction shall first obtain a permit from the Board and pay [therefor such] TO THE BOARD A reasonable sum as the Board may prescribe. The work shall be done under and pursuant to [such] THE rules, regulations, and requirements as the Board may from time to time formulate, and subject to such inspection as it may deem necessary; provided that, to avoid duplication of supervision, the Board may waive this provision if the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene issues the permits and makes the inspections required by this subsection in a manner satisfactory to the Board.

(b) The County shall have full and complete jurisdiction over all fire hydrants connected with its water system; and no person, firm or corporation may operate, use, or make connection with the system without the written authority of the Board, except that no restriction shall apply to any bona fide fire department in the discharge of its duties. No person, firm, or corporation may tamper with, deface, damage, or obstruct any fire hydrant. A violation of any of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable under [Section 15-24] § 14-801 of this [subtitle] TITLE.

(c) Nothing in this section is applicable within any municipality or to any water and sewerage system operated by a municipality unless authorized in accordance with [Section 15-3] § 14-106 of this [subtitle] TITLE.

[15-9.] 14-303. Connections; conditions, procedure.

The County shall provide for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which a water main or sewer is laid, when service to [such] THE property is feasible, a water service pipe and sewer connection, which shall be extended as required from the water and sewer mains to the property line of the abutting lot. The water service pipe and the connection with the sewer shall be constructed by and at the expense of the County, subject to any charge for connection as provided in [Section 15-21] § 14-704 of this [subtitle] TITLE, which charge shall be paid by all property owners at the office of the Board. When any water main or sewer is declared by the Board to be complete and ready for the delivery of water or the reception of sewage, every abutting property owner, after due notice, shall make a connection of all spigots or hydrants, toilets and waste drains with the water main or sewer within the time prescribed by the Board. If these fixtures do not exist or are of a nature which, in the judgment of the Board, is improper or inadequate, satisfactory equipment shall be installed by the owner on the premises consisting of at least one water closet and one sink or washbasin, both of which shall be properly connected with the sewer of the County. No private water or sewerage system shall be connected to any water or sewerage system owned or operated by the County. All private water systems discharging waste water into the County sewerage system, and cesspools,