

or its employees have the right of entry at reasonable hours to all buildings or premises connected with the water systems or sewerage systems under its jurisdiction. Upon presenting proper credentials from the Commission, the agents and employees may order and require changes in all plumbing, water works, or water or sewer connections as is necessary to eliminate leakage, loss of water, or unnecessary or improper use of sewers.

(d) Control. The Commission shall exercise control of the water supply at all times. In case of a water shortage or if the Commission determines that the water supply should be conserved, upon notice from the Commission, its agents, or its employees or upon notice published in 1 newspaper published in the County for 1 insertion, consumers shall comply with any order passed by the Commission to conserve the water supply. Any violation of the order is a misdemeanor punishable under [Section 6-1004] § 6-1004 OF THIS TITLE. In addition to the penalty prescribed, the Commission may turn off the water supply of any person violating the order at any time without further notice.

(e) Private systems. A private or semi-public water supply or sewerage installation, intended for use of 2 or more buildings or premises, may not be constructed in any [sub-district] SUBDISTRICT without the person, firm, or corporation doing the work first obtaining a permit from the Commission upon payment of a reasonable fee. The plant may then be installed, maintained, and operated under [rules and] regulations required by the Commission.

(f) Fire hydrant. The Commission has full and complete jurisdiction over all fire hydrants connected with its water system and a person, [firm] FIRM, or corporation may not operate, [use] USE, or make connection with the same without the written authority of the Commission. Restrictions do not apply to any bona fide fire department in the discharge of its duties. A person, firm, or corporation may not tamper with, deface, damage, or obstruct any fire hydrant. Any violation of any of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor punishable under [Section 6-1004] § 6-1004 OF THIS TITLE. (1957 Code, sec. 542. 1957, ch. 694, sec. 888; 1961, ch. 743, sec. 542; 1970 ed. sec. 28-15; 1984, ch. 289)

DRAFTER'S NOTE: The last 2 sentences of § 6-702(b) of this Code have been repealed as obsolete. The sentences contained a cross-reference to §§ 24-1 and 24-2 of this Code that were repealed by Chapter 323 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1971.

#### Subtitle 8. Charges

##### 6-801. Water service charges.

(a) Authority. The District may fix and revise schedules of rates or charges and collect funds for water consumed in any [sub-district] SUBDISTRICT by the owners or occupants of all properties connected to a water system owned or operated by the District and supplied water by or through the system. The schedule shall be applicable to all water consumed even though the District may delegate the collection of the charges made pursuant to the schedule to the owner or operator of a connected water system pursuant to [Section 6-401] § 6-401 OF THIS TITLE.

(b) Schedule; bills.