

politan Commission are supplied with water from systems owned and operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, then and in such event the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is authorized and empowered to formulate and prescribe such rules and regulations governing connections to the water systems of the Howard County Metropolitan Commission which it deems necessary and desirable, including rules and regulations for the maintenance, operation and use of said system.

Before any plumbing is done on any connection to or in any building connected with such water systems of the Howard County Metropolitan Commission as are supplied with water from systems owned and operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the person, firm or corporation doing the same shall first obtain a permit from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and pay therefor such reasonable sum as the Commission may prescribe. Such work shall be done under and pursuant to such rules, regulations and requirements as the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may from time to time formulate and prescribe and subject to such inspection as may be deemed necessary. No connection of any kind shall be made to the water systems of the Howard County Metropolitan Commission which are supplied with water from the systems owned and operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission without a permit and under such conditions as said Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may authorize. In order to prevent the waste of water, said Commission shall have the right of entry at reasonable hours to all buildings and premises having any connection with the water system authorized under this Act and may order and require such changes in all plumbing as it may deem necessary to eliminate the loss of water or danger to the public health.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use, handle, tamper with, obstruct or interfere with any portion of the water systems of the Howard County Metropolitan Commission which are supplied with water from the systems owned and operated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, including pipes, fittings, fire-plugs, pumps, engines, appliances, wires or other fixtures or equipment except under such rules and regulations as the said Commission may adopt.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That any violation of the provisions of the foregoing Section is hereby de-