

(c) After the hearing before the Public Works Board as specified in the notice by publication, the Public Works Board shall, within thirty days, make a recommendation to the Director of Public Works on whether or not to proceed with the improvements, which decision shall be published as provided in Section 17.218.

(d) After the decision to proceed with the improvements has been published, the Director of Public Works shall include such water or sewer extensions within the Department of Public Works Capital Improvement Program, and the same shall be presented to the County Executive, who may include such Capital Improvement Program in his annual Capital Improvement Program which is submitted to the County Council pursuant to the Charter.

17.203—Water and Sewerage Standards and Specifications

On or before September 1, 1969, the Director of Public Works shall prepare and submit to the County Council for its adoption by Ordinance, the standards and specifications pertaining to the installation and types of water and sewerage systems to be used in Howard County. Upon the adoption of said standards and specifications by the County Council, the same shall be published in a code to be made available by the Director of Public Works at a minimum charge to the general public upon request. The Code shall include size and type of pipe and include all fixtures, structures, apparatus, connections, accessories, pumps and all things associated with the installation, operation and maintenance of water and/or sewer systems. Until the adoption of the water and sewerage standards and specifications by the County Council as set forth hereinbefore, the Code heretofore adopted by the Metropolitan Commission of Howard County pursuant to Section 171 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1965 Edition) shall remain in full force and effect.

17.204—Water and Sewer Connections

The Director of Public Works shall provide for each and every property abutting upon a street or right-of-way in which a water main or sewer main is laid, a water service pipe and/or meter or sewer connection which shall be extended as required, from the water main or sewer main to the property line of the abutting lot; said service pipe or connection with the sewer main shall be constructed by ~~and at the sole expense of the Commission,~~ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS but subject to a reasonable charge for said connection as provided elsewhere in this Code, which charge shall be paid by all property owners at the Office of Finance before the actual connection with any pipe ~~or~~ ON private property is made. When any water or sewer INSTALLATION is declared by the Director of Public Works complete and ready for the delivery of water or reception of ~~sewerage~~ SEWAGE every abutting property owner, after due notice by the County Health Department, if it shall determine that the existing water or sewerage system is a potential threat to health, shall make a connection of all spigots, hydrants, toilets and SEWAGE waste drains with said water mains or sewer within the time prescribed by the Health Department. All cesspools, ~~sinks, sink drains,~~ SEPTIC TANKS, AND DRY WELLS located on properties connected with sewers provided by the County shall be abandoned, closed and left in a sanitary condition so that no odor, nor nuisance shall arise therefrom, and all wells or other source of water supplying the property which shall have a water connection to water mains provided by the County shall immediately be disconnected