

all fire hydrants connected with its water system and no person, firm or corporation shall operate, use or make connection with the same without the written authority of the Commission, excepting that no restrictions shall apply to any bona fide fire department in the discharge of its duties. No person, firm or corporation shall tamper with, deface, damage or obstruct any fire hydrant. Any violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 176 of this sub-title.]

166. PERMITS AND REGULATIONS OF USE.

(A) PERMITS. BEFORE ANY PLUMBING, WATER WORKS, OR SEWER CONSTRUCTION IS DONE UPON ANY PROPERTY WITHIN ANY AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IN ANY SANITARY DISTRICT, WHETHER OR NOT OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE COMMISSION, THE PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DOING ~~[[IT]]~~ THE CONSTRUCTION SHALL FIRST OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE COMMISSION AND PAY WHATEVER REASONABLE SUM THE COMMISSION PRESCRIBES. THE WORK SHALL BE DONE UNDER ~~[[AN]]~~ AND PURSUANT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS, IF ANY, THAT THE COMMISSION FORMULATES, AND SUBJECT TO ANY INSPECTIONS ~~[[DEEMED]]~~ WHICH IT DEEMS NECESSARY. CONNECTION OF ANY KIND MAY NOT BE MADE WITH ANY PUBLIC WATER MAIN OR SEWER WITHOUT A PERMIT. ANY CONNECTION PERMITTED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE DONE UNDER CONDITIONS THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES.

(B) CONTROL OF USAGE. TO ELIMINATE LEAKAGE, LOSS OF WATER, OR IMPROPER USE OF WATER LINES OR SEWERS, THE COMMISSION OR ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES MAY REQUIRE CHANGES IN ALL PLUMBING, WATER WORKS, OR WATER OR SEWER CONNECTIONS WHICH IT DEEMS NECESSARY. THE COMMISSION SHALL EXERCISE CONTROL OF THE WATER SUPPLY AT ALL TIMES. IN CASE OF A SHORTAGE OF WATER, OR IF, FOR ANY OTHER REASON, THE COMMISSION, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS DISCRETION, DETERMINES THAT THE WATER SUPPLY SHOULD BE CONSERVED, THE CONSUMERS, UPON NOTICE FROM THE COMMISSION, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, OR UPON NOTICE PUBLISHED IN ONE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY FOR ONE INSERTION, 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 176 OF THIS SUBTITLE. 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.

(C) PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS. A PRIVATE OR SEMI-PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OR SEWERAGE INSTALLATION, INTENDED FOR USE OF TWO OR MORE BUILDINGS OR PREMISES, MAY NOT BE CONSTRUCTED IN ANY SANITARY DISTRICT WITHOUT THE PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DOING THE WORK HAVING FIRST OBTAINED A PERMIT FROM THE COMMISSION AND PAID A REASONABLE CHARGE FOR IT. THE PLANT SHALL THEN BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED AND OPERATED UNDER RULES AND REGULATIONS, IF ANY, WHICH THE COMMISSION REQUIRES OR