

equipment an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) without advertising and receiving bids [, upon the concurrence of the County Commissioners of Carroll County]. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the [Commission] BOARD may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction.

15-14.

No sewerage, water, or drainage system or extension thereof serving two or more properties in [the county] CARROLL COUNTY may be constructed by any private owner without the prior approval of the [Commission] BOARD. If upon application for the construction or extension of any such system the [Commission] BOARD determines that the construction or extension is inexpedient or impracticable at that time, owing to the remoteness from its general system or other considerations, the applicant may build and operate the system or extension thereof at its own expense; but it shall be constructed only under such plans and specifications as have been submitted to and approved by the [Commission] BOARD, and its maintenance and operation shall be under the general control or supervision of the [Commission] BOARD. No such system or part thereof or no water main, sewer, storm WATER drain, water purification or sewage treatment plant or no connection with any of them shall be constructed or installed except as in this section provided, and any violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 15-24 of this subtitle. The applicant for the construction or extension of any such privately-owned system shall bear the reasonable costs that the [Commission] BOARD may incur for the review and approval of any such plans and for the supervision by the [Commission] BOARD of the maintenance and operation of such system. All construction and operating records including cost records shall be filed with the [Commission] BOARD, which shall be empowered at any time to take over said system or part thereof or said water main, sewer, storm water drain, water PURIFICATION or sewage treatment plant or connection with any of them in the same manner as provided under Section 15-5. Nothing in this section impairs the rate making powers of the Public Service Commission nor eliminates the requirements of the law for the approval of the Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE in the construction and maintenance of [sanitary] THE facilities. No private sewerage, water or drainage systems or extensions thereof authorized by this section shall be approved if the construction and operation of such system or systems will cause water pollution endangering the water supply of any municipality or other public agency or private utility corporation supplying [sanitary] WATER AND SEWER services in Carroll County. If a private system approved under the authority hereof causes such pollution, then the [Commission] COUNTY is authorized to require such modifications as may be necessary to eliminate such pollution and to take such other legal steps as may be necessary to enforce its orders eliminating the nuisance of