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§ 8-601. WATERCLOSETS REQUIRED.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to maintain, upon any original lot or any subdivisional lot, situated on any street in the District of Columbia, where there is a public sewer and watermain available for the use of such lot, any system of disposal of human excreta except by means of waterclosets connected with such sewer and watermain.

(Apr. 22, 1940, 54 Stat. 155, ch. 131, § 2.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 6-601.

1973 Ed., § 6-701.

§ 8-602. PERMIT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN PRIVY.

No person shall, in the District of Columbia, erect or maintain a privy, or other means or system for the disposal of human excreta, except by means of waterclosets connected with a sewer and watermain, without having secured from the Director of the Department of Human Services a permit so to do.

(Apr. 22, 1940, 54 Stat. 155, ch. 131, § 3; Aug. 1, 1950, 64 Stat. 393, ch. 513, § 1.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 6-602.

1973 Ed., § 6-702.

Miscellaneous Notes

Office of Director of Public Health abolished: See Historical and Statutory Notes following § 7-101.

§ 8-603. REGULATION OF WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

The Council of the District of Columbia is hereby authorized and empowered to make, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce, any such regulations as the Council deems necessary to regulate the design, construction, and maintenance of any system of disposal of human excreta, and the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of human body wastes.

(Apr. 22, 1940, 54 Stat. 155, ch. 131, § 4.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 6-603.

1973 Ed., § 6-703.

Change in Government

This section originated at a time when local government powers were delegated to a Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia (see Acts Relating to the Establishment of the District of Columbia and its Various Forms of Governmental Organization in Volume 1). Section 402(143) of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967 (see Reorganization Plans in Volume 1) transferred all of the functions of the Board of Commissioners under this section to the District of Columbia Council, subject to the right of the Commissioner as provided in § 406 of the Plan. The District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental

Reorganization Act, 87 Stat. 818, § 711 (D.C. Code, § 1-207.11), abolished the District of Columbia Council and the Office of Commissioner of the District of Columbia. These branches of government were replaced by the Council of the District of Columbia and the Office of Mayor of the District of Columbia, respectively. Accordingly, and also pursuant to § 714(a) of such Act (D.C. Code, § 1-207.14(a)), appropriate changes in terminology were made in this section.

Miscellaneous Notes

New implementing regulations: Pursuant to this section, the following new regulations were adopted in 1982: The "District of Columbia Solid Waste Disposal Fee Act of 1982" (D.C. Law 4-135, August 14, 1982, 29 DCR 2751).

§ 8-604. PENALTIES.

Any person who shall violate or aid or abet in violating any of the provisions of this chapter or of the regulations promulgated by the Council of the District of Columbia under this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not exceeding 15 days. Civil fines, penalties, and fees may be imposed as alternative sanctions for any infraction of the provisions of this chapter, or any rules or regulations issued under the authority of this chapter, pursuant to Chapter 18 of Title 2. Adjudication of any infraction of this chapter shall be pursuant to Chapter 18 of Title 2.

(Apr. 22, 1940, 54 Stat. 155, ch. 131, § 5; Oct. 5, 1985, D.C. Law 6-42, § 449, 32 DCR 4450.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 6-604.

1973 Ed., § 6-704.

Legislative History of Laws

Law 6-42, the "Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Civil Infractions Act of 1985," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 6-187, which was referred to the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on June 25, 1985, and July 9, 1985, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 16, 1985, it was assigned Act No. 6-60 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

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