

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE

Board of Water Commissioners

OF THE

CITY OF HARTFORD,

Under the Resolution of the last General Assembly of this State passed May Session, 1861, amending the charter of the City of Hartford.

Rule 1.—The regular water rents shall be due and payable at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners semi-annually, on the first day of May and November in each year; and to all rents remaining unpaid ten days after due, there will be added five per cent for collection, and a further sum of one per cent. will be added on the first day of each month thereafter until paid.

Rule 2.—No abatement of water rent will be allowed by reason of disuse, or diminished use, or vacant premises; unless notice thereof shall have been given at the office of the Board at least thirty days before such rent shall be due and payable.

Rule 3.—All applications for service pipe, or for the use of water, must be made in writing at the office by the owner of the premises in the form prescribed, and must state fully and fairly all and several of the various uses to which the water is to be applied. And whenever thereafter any other or further use of the water or additional service pipe, or plumbing, or fixtures is required, a further application must be made as aforesaid. Pro-

vided that the Commissioners at their discretion may supply service pipes or water upon the application of parties other than the owner of the premises, when the expenses of water rents are paid in advance or secured to the satisfaction of said Commissioners. And every person who shall use the water without such application, and statement as aforesaid, shall be liable to pay therefor at such extra rates as the Commissioners shall fix and determine at their discretion, not exceeding three-fold the regular rates.

Rule 4.—No service pipe will be allowed for premises where the annual water rent therefrom shall be less than five dollars.

Rule 5.—Service pipes will be laid as soon as practicable, upon application; and the Commissioners reserve the right in all cases to lay the service pipe from the street main to the street line, but will charge the applicant for that portion only laid between the sidewalk line and the street line.

Rule 6 —All persons supplied with the water will be required to keep the service pipes, stop-cocks, and all fixtures connected therewith upon their premises, in good repair; and protected from frost; and so arranged and provided with stop and waste cocks as to allow the pipes to be emptied and kept free of water during all periods of dangerous exposure to the action of frost, whether by night or by day; and must keep the same shut off and free from water whenever the safety of such pipes require it.

Rule 7.—No continuous flow to guard against frost or for any other purposes, will be allowed, except in special cases, by special agreement, as to conditions and rates.

Rule 8.—Water used for building purposes will in all cases be chargeable to the respective owners of the buildings. Every builder is required to render at the office of the Commissioners, on or before the 10th day of January in each year, a full and true account of all the water used by him for building purposes, during the preceding year, with the time, place and quantity for each separate building—and it shall be the duty of such builder to pay for the same—and if so rendered and paid to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, such payments shall be a full discharge to the owner of such building.

Rule 9 --The regular water rents for the use of private fountains, or jets in hotels, eating-houses, conservatories, or other buildings, will be based upon such use for a period equivalent to four hours each day, during four months in each year, and no greater use will be allowed except in cases, and at rates specially agreed upon with the Commissioners. And the Commissioners reserve in all cases the right to suspend or discontinue the use of water for all such fountains and jets, whenever the public interest require it.

Rule 10.—The regular water rents for street, sidewalk, or garden sprinkling, will be based upon such use, only for dust laying and sprinkling purposes, fairly applied; and any excessive or unreasonable use thereof for these or other purposes, is prohibited.

Rule 11.—Whenever two or more several parties or families are supplied with water from the same service pipe, the failure of any one of said parties to pay the water rent when due, or to comply with the published rules or regulations of the Commissioners, shall authorize the Commissioners to withhold all supply from such service pipe, without liability in damages to either of the other parties.

Rule 12.—All supplies of water will be furnished, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board, and it shall be the duty of every person supplied to prevent all unnecessary waste, and to answer at all reasonable times all proper inquiries made by the commissioners or their agents, relative to the quantity, purposes, and manner in which the water is used upon their premises. And the commissioners and their agents shall have right, at all reasonable times, to enter into any dwelling-house or other premises where the water is supplied, to make such personal examinations of all fixtures, and inquiries as to the use of said water, as they shall deem necessary to a faithful supervision of the same.

Rule 13.—The commissioners reserve the right at all times to shut off the water for necessary repairs, extensions or other necessary purposes of the works, for non-payment of water rents; or for neglect or refusal to comply with the rules and regulations of the Board. They also reserve the right in all cases to test the quantity of water actually supplied to any person or premises,

by the application of a metre; and to revise and adjust all contracts made for the use of water, upon the basis of such actual quantity as the application of such test shall disclose

Rule 14.—Whenever the water is shut off from any service pipe for non-payment of rent, or non-compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board, the same will not be allowed to flow until the delinquent shall have paid all arrears of rent (if any) and the expenses of shutting off and letting on the water as aforesaid

Rule 15.—If any owner or lessee under him, shall suffer any water to be taken from the premises, for the use of any person or family, not belonging to such premises, without the *special* consent of the Commissioners, every such owner shall be liable to pay such sum as the Commissioners may assess therefor, at their discretion, not exceeding three-fold the regular rates.

Rule 16.—The construction and location of private hydrants and fountains, will be subject to the approval of the Commissioners, and whenever the waste therefrom becomes a nuisance to adjacent property, the supply will be cut off, until the evil is satisfactorily corrected.

Rule 17.—All injuries to service pipes or street mains caused by careless undermining, or by negligent re-packing or filling up, of excavations for private drains sewers, or for other purposes, shall be chargeable to the person so causing such injury, and the expense of repairing the same may be recovered of such person, by the Commissioners in an action of debt, brought upon this section.

Rule 18 — It shall be the duty of each and every plumber, to return in writing to the office of the Commissioners, during the first week of each month, all connections or extensions of service pipe made by him not before returned, giving the location of the premises, the name of the owner or occupant, the character of the work, the number of hydrants, baths, water closets, fountains, hose fixtures, or other fixtures, connected with such works; and on failure therefor every such plumber shall forfeit and pay to said Board of Water Commissioners, for the use of the water department, the sum of five dollars.

Rule 19.—Every person who shall, without special authority from the Commissioners, tap or make any connection with any street main, or service or other distrib-

uting pipe connected with the water works, shall upon conviction thereof by the Police Court of said city, be subject to a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of said court.

Rule 20.—If any person except firemen, for the uses of the fire department, shall open any public hydrant, or stop-cock, without the consent of the Commissioners, or if any person shall place any building material, or other articles, or rubbish, in such manner as to hinder, or obstruct the free access to any such hydrant, or stop-cock, every person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof by the Police Court, be subject to a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of said Police Court.

Rule 21 —If any person shall disturb or meddle with, or fish in the waters of the reservoirs, or the water of the Connecticut river, near the inlet of the pumping engine, or shall cast any substance, filth, or impurities therein, or shall trespass upon the embankments of the reservoir, or travel over the same, or any part of the public grounds connected therewith, except upon the gravelled or paved walks, or shall wilfully injure any pipe or fixtures connected with the water works, every person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof by the Police Court, be subject to a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or to such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of said court.

Rule 22 —It shall be the duty of the Police of the City of Hartford to exercise a vigilant supervision over the use of the water, to prevent all unnecessary profusion of flow and waste; and for this purpose they shall have the right of free access at all proper times to any premises where the water is used, and shall report all cases of waste and of profuse and excessive use, which shall come to their knowledge to the Commissioners. They shall also report to the Police Court for prosecution, all violations of the regulations and laws of the Board, or of the city, relating to the water works of this city, which comes within the jurisdiction of said Police Court.

RATES.

The annual rates for the use of water after the first day of May, 1862, shall be as follows, viz:—

FAMILIES.

1. For each tenement with inside fixtures, occupied by one family not exceeding five persons.....			
For each additional person.....			\$5 00
2. For each tenement occupied by two families or any number of separate occupants, not exceeding five persons.....			1 00
Exceeding five and not exceeding eight persons.....			7 00
For each additional person.....			8 00
3. For each tenement occupied by three families or any number of separate occupants, not exceeding ten persons.....			1 00
For any greater number of families or separate occupants, such rate as may be fixed by the commissioners			10 00
4. Families not exceeding eight persons, supplied from outside hydrants.....			5 00
For each additional person.....			50
Or less, at the discretion of the commissioners.			
5. Boarding-houses, minimum rate.....			6 00
and a greater rate according to size and occupancy			
6. Hotels, minimum rate.....			25 00
and a greater rate according to size and occupancy.			
7 For stores and offices, from.....	\$1 00 to	\$10 00	
For restaurants, etc.....	5 00 to	30 00	
For markets.....	5 00 to	15 00	

WATER-CLOSETS

8. For each family not exceeding eight persons.....			3 00
For every four additional persons...			1 00

For each additional water-closet..... 1 00
 For hotels, stores, and all other build-
 ings, from..... \$1 00 to \$8 00

BATHING-TUBS.

9. For each family not exceeding eight
 persons..... 1 00
 For hotels, barber-shops, and all oth-
 er buildings, from..... \$1 00 to \$6 00

URINALS.

10. For each used by one family..... 1 00
 For hotels, stores, and all other build-
 ings, from..... \$1 00 to \$6 00
 11. Fountains and jets, for each 100 gal-
 lons discharged..... 3 cents

HOSE.

12 For street, side-walk, or garden
 sprinkling, such rate as shall be de-
 termined by the commissioners, not
 less than... \$3 00
 13. Livery and private stables, for each
 horse, including water for washing
 carriages..... 2 00
 For each cow..... 1 00
 Truckmen's stables, for each horse... 1 50

BAKERIES

14. Not exceeding 500 barrels of flour
 per annum..... 5 00
 For each additional barrel used..... 1 cent

BUILDING PURPOSES.

15. For each 1,000 brick..... 4 cents
 For each perch of stone..... 1½ cents
 For each 100 yards of plastering..... 20 cents
 16. Steam-engines working not over 12
 hours per day, for each horse-power
 used..... 6 00
 17. For any manufacturing, mechanical
 chemical or other purpose not spe-
 cified in the foregoing tariff, such
 rate as shall be determined by the
 commissioners, but in no case less,
 for each 100 gallons, than..... 1 cent

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18. The rates of water for each 100 gallons, where the actual quantity is determined by metre, shall be as follows:—

For any quantity not exceeding 500 gallons per day, per each 100 gallons	3 cents
For any quantity exceeding 500 gallons, and not exceeding 1,000 gallons, per day, per each 100 gallons.	2½ cents
For any quantity exceeding 1,000 gallons and not exceeding 2000 gallons per day, per each 100 gallons.....	2 cents
For quantities greater, such rates— not less than 1 cent. for each 100 gallons—as shall be fixed by the commissioners	

19. In all cases where water is required for purposes which are not specified in the foregoing tariff, the rate shall be fixed by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Approved by concurrent vote in Court of Common Council, April 14th, 1862.

Attest— LEVI WOODHOUSE, City Clerk.