



## AN ORDINANCE

*For regulating the distribution of water in the City of Philadelphia.*

Section I. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the Citizens of Philadelphia in Select and Common Councils assembled, That John Inskcep, John Miller, junior, Thomas P. Cope, Samuel M. Fox, Timothy Paxson, William Poyntell, William Young, Thomas Parker, Isaac Snowden, junior, William Dawson, Daniel Smith, and Jacob Chrystler, be, and they are hereby, appointed Commissioners for the purpose of superintending the distribution of the Water, to be supplied by the steam engines, under the following rules and regulations.

Section II. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the City Commissioners, when required by the Commissioners above named, to aid and assist in carrying into execution all and every of their requisites touching the distribution and use of water aforesaid.

Section III. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the subscribers to the loan, made in conformity to the "Ordinance providing for the raising of a sum of money, on loan, for supplying the City of Philadelphia with wholesome water," passed on the seventh day of February, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, before whose houses the pipes of conduit are now laid, shall be entitled to the use of the water in their dwelling houses, agreeably to the terms and conditions of the said ordinance, for and until the completion of three years from the first day of July next and no longer, and all other subscribers to the said loan shall be, in like manner, entitled to the water for the term of three years after the pipes of conduit shall have been laid in the streets before their houses, and supplied with water for the space of thirty days.

Section IV. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any citizen who is not a subscriber to the said loan, and who shall make application to the said Commissioners, on or before the first day of July next, to have a supply of water from the pipes of conduit, shall be entitled to receive the same at the rate of five dollars per annum, to be paid in advance, for a private dwelling house, and Brewers, Sugar-refiners, Hatters, Soap-boilers, Innkeepers, Dyers, Carriers, and others, who will require the water for other purposes than the supply of their private dwelling-houses, shall be supplied at a rate to be mutually agreed upon between the applicant and the Commissioners. *Provided*, That the rates, so to be established, shall be in a ratio with the rate for the supply of private dwellings, and shall not continue in force for more than three years from and after the first day of July next. All monies arising from water rent shall be collected by the said Commissioners, or their properly authorized agents, and be forthwith deposited in the Treasury.

Section V. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supply of water, for private dwelling-houses, shall be communicated from the pipes of conduit through a ferule, the internal diameter whereof shall in no instance exceed half an inch, and for other than private dwelling-houses the supply may be taken through a ferule of such dimensions as may be authorized by the said Commissioners.

Section VI. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the subscribers to the said loan shall be authorized to transfer the water rights attached to their shares, and any person or persons to whom such rights shall be transferred shall be entitled to all the privileges of the original subscribers for each and every share transferred—All transfers shall be made in the presence of the Treasurer of the Corporation.

Section VII. **B**E it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall wilfully injure the pipes of conduit, the hydrants, or any device attached to the water works, he or she shall forfeit and pay a fine not less than three, nor more than fifty dollars at the discretion of the court, or other competent authority, before whom the offender shall be convicted, to be recovered with costs, one-half to the use of the prosecutor and the other to the city.

*Enacted into an Ordinance, at the City of Philadelphia, on the seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and one.*

(L. S. C.) ROBERT RALSTON,  
President of the Common Council.  
HENRY PRATT,  
President of the Select Council.