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GOVERNING THE

Board of Water Commissioners

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CITY OF HOBOKEN,

—AND—

Water rates

Tariff of Rates, Rules and Regulations Governing the Water Supply

—IN THE—

CITY OF HOBOKEN.

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NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

WATER RENTS are payable semi-annually, IN ADVANCE, on the 1st of May and the 1st of November. On the 15th of May and November following, five per cent. will be added on all unpaid rents, and on the 1st of July and 1st of January thereafter, an additional ten per cent. On and after the 20th of December, all unpaid water rents will be returned to the Mayor and Council, and by them to the Collector of Revenue for collection, who is authorized and empowered to proceed to collect the same, as by law provided for the collection of taxes in the city of Hoboken. Interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum will be charged from the 20th of December, in addition to Collector's fees, costs, advertising, &c.

Measured water bills for all private houses will be rendered and are payable semi-annually, on the first day of February and August of each year.

Measured water bills for steamship companies, manufacturers and other concerns using a large amount of water will be rendered and are payable quarterly on the first day of February, May, August and November of each year.

Penalties for non-payment of measured water bills will be added as follows:

On quarterly bills remaining unpaid thirty days after the end of each quarter a penalty of FIVE per cent. will be added.

On monthly bills remaining unpaid thirty days after the end of each month a penalty of FIFTEEN per cent. will be added.

Interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, to commence sixty (60) days after the end of each month or quarter, will be added to all unpaid rents.

A ten day notice will be served on all Consumers who are in arrears for house rates for more than six months or measured water for more than three months and in case such arrears are not paid in the time specified the water will be shut off until said arrears are paid. A charge of \$5.00 will be made for turning off the water and \$5.00 for turning it on, which must be paid at the time of settlement of arrears.

OFFICE HOURS from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. daily; and on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th days of May and November, from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Bankable money only received and all checks must be drawn to the order of the Board of Water Commissioners.

SPECIAL RATES will be charged for manufactories, restaurants, soda water manufactories, breweries, laundries, water power machines, and for any other kind of business requiring a large amount of water. Such rates to be in proportion to supposed quantity of water used.

TENEMENT BUILDINGS—In addition to building rates, \$2.00 per annum for each family over two (2).

WATER CLOSETS AND URINALS—Self-closing, in private houses, \$2.00 each per annum. Not self-closing, in private houses, \$15.00 each per annum. Self-closing, public, \$4.00 each per annum. Dwelling houses occupied by one family only will be allowed an extra water closet and urinal (self-closing) without additional charge.

Only self-closing water closets and urinals will be allowed hereafter.

MEASURED WATER.

At the option of the Board of Water Commissioners, meters will be used and the water charged for at either the foregoing rates or at the rate of \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet when the quarterly consumption is less than 5,000 cubic feet, or \$1.25 per 1,000 cubic feet when a larger quantity is used, which shall be in full payment of building rates for the premises where such water is consumed.

No permit for water attachment will be granted by the Board except at the request of the owner of the premises where a meter is desired or where a meter is ordered placed by this Board. Owners of premises are responsible for the payment of measured water consumed by a tenant or lessee occupying the premises with their knowledge and consent.

MONTHLY RATES.

When, at the option of the Board, bills for measured water are made payable monthly, and the consumption is:

Between 250,000 and 1,500,000 cu. feet per month, \$1.10½ per 1,000 cu. ft.
Between 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 cubic feet per month \$1.00 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Between 2,500,000 cubic feet and over, per month, 95c. per 1,000 cu. ft.

Meters will be removed at the option of the Board and regular rates charged whenever the quantity of water used will not warrant their continuance.

WATER TAPS.

PRICES FOR WATER TAPS.

1/8 inch.....	\$6 00	1 inch.....	\$15 00
5/8 inch.....	7 50	1 1/2 inch.....	20 00
3/4 inch.....	10 00	2 inch.....	30 00

A special permit, signed by the Water Registrar, must be obtained for all taps.

STREET SPRINKLERS.

All persons who shall obtain permits to sprinkle streets shall conform to the following rules and regulations:

1. The sprinkler attached to each cart shall conform in every respect to a pattern kept in the office of the Board of Water Commissioners, and no other kind will be permitted to be used.
2. The name and residence of each person licensed to sprinkle streets shall be painted on both sides of the cart in black letters, of not less than two (2) inches in length, on white ground.
3. No permit will be granted to any person not a resident of Hoboken.
4. Each sprinkling cart shall be provided with a sound and proper

piece of hose to conduct the water from the fire hydrant to the cart, and such hose shall always be kept in order and free from holes.

5. Each person obtaining a permit for sprinkling streets shall keep the hydrant allotted to his use closed, except when obtaining water for use and shall be responsible for any damage that may result from the use or abuse of it while in their charge; provided such damage shall not have been occasioned by others than those in the employ of said person.

6. Every person who shall obtain a permit shall pay to the Board of Water Commissioners \$15.00 per month, payable in advance, for each truck or wagon used for street sprinkling.

2. Any person violating any of the above rules and regulations will, at the discretion of the Board of Water Commissioners, be subject to a fine of \$10.00, and in extreme cases have his permit revoked.

Rules, Regulations and Penalties for the Use of Hackensack Water.

1. No tenant or owner will be allowed to supply water to any other persons or families. If found so doing the supply will be stopped and the amount of payment forfeited, and a fine of \$10 will be imposed.

2. No addition or alteration whatever in or about any conduit pipe or water-cock shall be made or caused to be made by persons taking water without notice thereof being previously given to and permission had in writing from the Board.

3. All persons taking the water must keep their own service pipes, top-cocks and apparatus, including the tap in the street, in good repair and protected from frost, and shall prevent all waste of water.

4. Street washers and hand hose must be used only between the hours of 5 and 8 A. M. and 5 and 8 P. M., and from the 1st of April to the 15th of October; and if found out of order or leaking, or if converted into jets, or suffered to run when not used, the supply will be cut off without previous notice. All persons using a hose, either in front or rear of premises, from hydrant or faucet connections, without first obtaining a permit, will be subject to a fine of \$10.00 for each and every offence. Fine for using street sprinkler or water for washing windows, door steps, sidewalks or streets at hours not permitted in the rules and regulations, five (5) dollars.

5. No hydrant will be allowed on the sidewalk or in the front or rear of premises, without special permission of the Board, and neither hydrants or any other apparatus must be allowed to run when not in actual use; and if the drip or waste from any such apparatus is allowed to freeze on the street or sidewalk the supply will be cut off.

6. Applications for water must state fully and truly all purposes for which it is required, and at all times parties must frankly and without concealment answer all questions put to them relating to its consumption.

In case of misrepresentation or use of the water not mentioned in the permit, or of waste of water, the Board of Water Commissioners shall have the right to shut off the supply of water until they shall be satisfied that there will be no further cause of complaint and that the party has paid such fines and additional charges as they may impose, and five dollars for shutting off and five dollars for turning on the water.

7. The Commissioners, and every person delegated by them for that purpose, shall have access at all reasonable hours to all parts of premises

or vessels where water is used, to inspect the condition and use of all plumbing.

8. All persons are forbidden to open any fire hydrant, or to use water therefrom, without permission of the Board of Water Commissioners (except in case of fire) under a penalty of \$10.00.

9. The fine for the infraction of any of the above rules, when not otherwise specified, shall be five (5) dollars, and, in extreme cases, at the option of the Board.

RULES FOR PLUMBERS.

SECTION I.

1. No person, except the tappers employed by the Board of Water Commissioners, will be allowed, under any circumstances, to tap the distributing pipes, or insert stop-cocks or ferrules therein, under penalty of fifty dollars for each offence.

2. No street, alley, or other public place, shall be opened for the purpose of laying down any service pipe, or doing any work, or making repairs, in or about any service pipes or fixtures, without written permission from the Water Registrar authorizing the same.

3. No permits will be granted to other than plumbers regularly licensed by the Board to do the same. All persons doing plumbing work, whether new, or in extension, or addition, will be subject to a fine of \$25.00, unless regularly licensed by the Board to do the same, and a permit, authorizing the work, be first obtained from the Water Registrar.

SECTION II.

PLUMBERS' LICENSE AND BOND.

1. All plumbers are required annually, on or before the first day of July of each year, to take out a license, for which they shall pay the sum of ten dollars each year, and file, at the time of making application for license, a bond described under this section, a blank of which can and must be obtained from the Registrar.

2. Every plumber applying for a license must be a citizen of the United States, residing and doing business in Hoboken, not less than twenty-one years of age, and he must furnish satisfactory evidence to the Board that he is regularly educated to the business, and in every way qualified to receive a license.

3. On receiving his license, he shall record with the Water Registrar his actual place of business and the name under which said business is transacted; and it shall be his duty to notify the Water Registrar of any change in either, immediately on the occurrence thereof. Removal from the city will act as a forfeiture of license. He shall have a sign bearing his name and business, publicly exposed, at the premises occupied by him for the purpose of carrying on such business.

4. At the time of receiving his license the party shall execute and deposit in the office of the Board of Water Commissioners a bond, with two or more sureties, to be approved by the said Board, in the sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that he will indemnify and save harmless the Mayor and Council and Board of Water Commissioners of Ho-

boken of and from all accidents and damages consequent thereupon for or by reason of any opening in any street, lane, avenue, alley or court made by him, or by those in his employment for the purpose of putting down or inserting any service pipe or pipes, hydrant or other apparatus for the introduction or use of Hackensack water, or for any other object or purpose whatever; and shall also replace the paving stones or filling in every such opening, so as to make the same secure from all danger of accident and in a manner allowing the customary traffic on said street or alley, and keep and maintain the same in such condition until the Board of Water Commissioners, through its employees, can repave the same and put it in proper condition; and also make true and faithful reports to the Board of Water Commissioners of Hoboken, washers, water-closets, baths, and all other work or apparatus for conveying, containing or consuming water, made, fixed or inserted by him, or under his direction, within five days after the same shall be completed, and shall pay to the said Mayor and Council, their successors or assigns, any fines or penalties incurred by neglect of rules or by order of the Board of Water Commissioners.

SECTION III.

RULES RELATING TO PERMITS, MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP.

1. Plumbers applying for permits shall, before taking out the same, whether it be for the introduction of water or for the alteration or extension of the arrangements for supplying the same, state fully and truly the purpose for which said water is required, and should any additional use be at any time required, an extension permit must be obtained, as hereinafter provided for. All permits must be paid for at the time of application.
2. The permits for tapping the street main will be authority only for such new work connected therewith, specified in the application, and no permit will authorize anything not stated in the application.
3. Extension permits must be obtained for the following plumbing work, when put in buildings using, or expecting to use Hackensack water, viz:—Baths, water-closets, urinals, hydrants, street washers, sinks or faucets in bars or soda fountains, engines, or for any work for which an extra rate may be charged.
4. Special permits must be obtained, in writing, signed by the Water Registrar, for the following plumbing work, viz:—For service pipe other than extra strong "A A" pipe of full weight; for fountains, other than soda fountains; for horse troughs or drinking hydrants on sidewalks, or for hydrants in yard, either in front or rear of premises.
5. Notice must be left for the tapper at the office of the Water Registrar by the plumber who is to lay down service pipes, fixing the time when the trench will be open ready for the tapper. This notice must be given at least twenty-four hours previous to the time fixed.
6. No licensed plumber will be allowed to transfer his permit to any other party, or sign for an unlicensed plumber, under a penalty for each and every offence of \$10.00.

SECTION IV.

PERMITS FOR OPENING STREETS.

1. Any plumber desiring to open paved streets to connect, extend or re-

pair water pipe shall apply and obtain, before beginning said work, of the Registrar, a permit for the said work, said permit to be obtained by filing with the Registrar an application for said permit.

2. A plumber taking out a permit for opening a paved street will be charged \$5.00 for repaving on the long side and \$3.00 on the short side of the street. A permit must also be obtained before excavating unpaved streets for any work found necessary on water pipes. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged for such permit. Any violation of this rule will subject a plumber or other person to a fine of \$10.00, and in the case of a plumber it will also be deemed just cause for revoking his license.
3. In opening streets that are paved, the sand and paving stones taken therefrom must be kept separate from the earth in such a manner that on refilling the trench the other materials excavated may be first replaced; and the sand and paving stones replaced must differ but slightly in elevation from the rest of the street.
4. In opening streets the materials excavated must be so deposited as to cause the least obstruction to public travel, and the trench or excavation must not be left open at night (except in case of necessity, when a lighted lantern shall be placed over such trench from twilight until daylight, and the trench shall be properly railed in so as to prevent accidents). A failure to comply with above will subject the party offending to a fine of \$25.00 for each offence.
5. The trench over and above the pipe, for the accommodation of the tapper, must be dug four feet square and not less than six inches below the pipe.
6. When filling trenches the earth or sand shall be rammed or soaked with water from the commencement of the filling until completed, in order that all the material taken out may be returned. In case of rock excavation no stone filling will be allowed; earth or sand must be used instead.

SECTION V.

PLUMBER'S REPORT.

1. Plumbers fitting up apparatus for the use of Hackensack water under authority of any permit issued by the Board of Water Commissioners or its Water Registrar, shall, within forty eight hours after the work shall have been completed, fill up and return to the office of the Board of Water Commissioners, a blank form of report, furnished for that purpose, showing all the arrangements, both new and old, for using Hackensack water upon the premises, giving the lot, block and street number of the premises, the name of street on which said premises are located, and such other particulars as the case may require. In case lot or street number cannot be obtained, the distance from the nearest street corner must be given.
2. Each report must state the number and kind of permit authorizing the work.
3. A non-compliance with any one of the provisions of this section will subject the person so offending to a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each offense, and a suspension of license until fine is paid.

SECTION VI.

MATERIALS, ETC.

1. Service pipe must be of extra strong "AA" lead pipe, of full weight

from the street main to building line, and laid at least $3\frac{1}{4}$ feet below the established grade of street, with a bend in the form of a "trap" near the main, requiring at least one foot of extra length, in such a manner as to prevent rupture by settlement.

2. All services shall be provided with a side wasting stop-cock of the same bore as the pipe, and shall be made with a stop on the key to turn one-quarter around, being fed ON or OFF; said stop-cock to have a wrought iron key-rod securely fastened with copper wire, and protected with a box, of a pattern subject to the approval of the Water Registrar, leading to the surface of the ground, and having a hinged lid with the word "water" thereon.

3. The box must be placed upon the sidewalk, not more than one foot in from the line of curb, and must be set to grade of sidewalk.

4. No stop-cocks with "screw and spring" or rivet bottoms, will be allowed in the ground for service pipes, street washers or hydrants. All stop-cocks for the above purposes must be made with "side waste" and nut and washer key, and must conform and be equal in quality to pattern in the office of the Water Registrar.

5. No wooden boxes will be allowed for street washers (or service cocks); they shall be fitted with such boxes as may be approved by the Board of Water Commissioners, with securely fastened covers. When necessary, the stop-cock boxes may be combined with the street washer.

6. House boilers must be provided with vacuum valves in new work, and when old boilers are taken out and replaced by others, also with stop-cocks, to shut off supply.

7. No hydrants in yard, except self-closing hydrants of a pattern approved by the Water Registrar, will be allowed under any circumstances.

8. All apparatus for the use of Hackensack water shall be subject to inspection and approval as to pattern, material and workmanship, and any plumber violating any of the rules of this section will be suspended by the Board.

SECTION VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Plumbers making repairs when the water has been shut off by authority, on account of leak, defect or disuse, shall report in writing to the office of the Board that all plumbing work, both new and old, is in complete working order, and pay all expenses; otherwise the water will not be turned on, and no person, whether plumber or otherwise, shall turn on the water until he receives permission.

2. Any plumber who shall be guilty of violating any of the rules adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners shall immediately be deprived of his license, or subjected to a fine not exceeding twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, except where otherwise specified.

3. In all cases where a fine is imposed the party so fined will be suspended from acting under his license until the fine is paid.

DUTIES OF WATER REGISTRAR.

1. The Water Registrar, before entering upon his duties, shall give bond to the Mayor and Council of the city, as required by law, said bond to be first approved by this Board, within the time limited by the charter of the city of Hoboken for that purpose, or in default thereof his office shall thereby become vacant.

2. The Water Registrar shall submit to this Board at least twice a year a statement of the moneys collected and expended and the present standing of the Board, which statement shall be examined by the Auditing Committee of this Board and then published in such papers for the public information as this Board may direct.

3. In the absence of the Treasurer of the Board during office hours of the Water Registrar, the latter officer shall receive all moneys from all sources, and place the same to the credit of this Board in such bank as may be designated for the purpose.

4. The Water Registrar shall attend at this office and keep the same open for the transaction of public business from 9 o'clock A. M. until 4 P. M., excepting when the Board may, by resolution, otherwise order.

5. The Water Registrar shall be permitted to keep on hand in the safe or deposit vault in his office a sum of money to the amount of \$500, and whenever the money in hand exceeds that sum it shall be deposited to the credit of the Water Board.

6. He shall make a statement of moneys received and deposited, and also of all moneys expended, which he shall submit at all regular meetings of this Board.

7. When this Board is not in session the Water Registrar shall be under and subject to the directions of the proper committees of this Board of which the President of this Board shall be ex-officio a member.

8. He shall pay no bills or incur any indebtedness without the resolution or direction of this Board previously declared.

9. He shall attend all the meetings of the Board and act as clerk, and keep the minutes of the Board and have the same properly published for the public information, but may be excused at the discretion of the President of the Board.

10. He shall, on or after the 20th day of December in each year, render to this Board a statement of all water rents in arrears, the property charged therewith and the name of the owner, and thereafter, under the direction of this Board, shall cause the same to be transmitted to the Common Council for collection as provided by law.

11. The Water Registrar shall have every facility to enable the Comptroller of the city to examine the books of this Board whenever the said Comptroller shall apply for the same; and the Water Registrar shall also direct all persons paying money to this Board to have their bills countersigned by the Comptroller.

12. In the absence of the Water Registrar, the Assistant Water Registrar, who shall be elected annually, shall perform all the duties of Water Registrar, and shall at all times attend at the office between the hours aforesaid, assist in the transaction of such business as may be required of him by direction of the Board or the Water Registrar, and shall also attend all meetings of the Board; and shall give bond to the Mayor and Council of this city in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond, when approved by this Board, shall be deposited with the City Clerk.

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DUTIES OF WATER INSPECTOR.

1. It shall be the duty of the Inspector, who shall be appointed annually, to take the record of all measured water as often as directed by the Board of Water Commissioners, and to give a true statement of such record to the Water Registrar as soon as possible, to enable him to make collections as directed by the Board of Water Commissioners.
2. The Inspector shall have charge of all work done by direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, including insertion of taps in mains, extensions and repairs, and where excavating has been done by licensed plumbers or employees of this Board, he shall have the roadways repaired in a workman like manner, agreeably to the rules of this Board.
3. He shall attend to all complaints from consumers, and report all cases of waste of water by consumers. He shall have the fire hydrants blown off to relieve mains of impure water, and to use all care possible in winter to keep fire hydrants from freezing.
4. He shall keep an inventory of all material received and used for making extensions and repairs, and give a copy of said inventory to the Water Registrar to have entered on the stock book in his office. He shall also report to the Board of Water Commissioners all supplies required for use, and any extra employes required for work to be performed, and when required.
5. He shall report to the Water Register, at his office, daily, at 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., and receive orders which may have been received or complaints to be attended to.
6. The city tapper and all laborers employed by this Board shall be under the charge and direction of the Water Inspector, and it shall be his duty to supervise them, and wherever necessary assist them in cases of urgent necessity.
7. All employees of this Board, except the Assistant Water Registrar and Inspector, shall be considered as holding their positions subject to be retired, suspended or removed by the Board on resolution duly passed at any meeting, and shall not be deemed to hold an appointment for any definite term.

