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CHAPTER 261.

AN ACT to simplify and facilitate the collection of water rates in the city of Milwaukee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

Water rates,
when due.

Penalty for
non-payment.

Water sold by
measurement.

Notice to pay,
etc.

Unpaid rates to
be placed in
tax roll.

SECTION 1. Regular water rates shall be due and payable on the first days of May and November in each year, semi-annually, in advance. A discount of five per cent. shall be allowed by the collector of water rates on all regular water rates if paid within twenty days after the same become due. To all regular water rates remaining unpaid on the twenty-first day of the month in which they became due, the said collector shall add a penalty of five per cent. to the amount of such rates and if such rates remain unpaid for a period of ten days thereafter, he shall cause the water to be shut off from the premises subject to the payment of such rates, and in all cases where the supply of water may be shut off as above prescribed, the said collector shall not cause the water to be again turned on to said premises until all delinquent rates and penalties, and the sum of one dollar as expenses for turning off and on the water, shall have been paid. This section shall not apply to water sold by measurement. Whenever two or more tenements or dwelling houses are connected with a street main by one pipe only, the owner or owners of such tenements or dwelling houses, may provide separate cut-offs for each of said tenements or dwelling houses, in such locality as said owner or owners shall deem most efficient and expedient, provided that all such cut-offs shall be conveniently accessible to, and be controlled exclusively by, the proper officers of the water department.

SECTION 2. Said collector shall cause a printed notice to be mailed to the supposed owner or owners and occupants of all premises subject to the payment of regular water rates, directed to the place where such water is consumed, stating the amount due, the time when, and place where, such rates can be paid, the discount allowed for prompt payment, and the penalty for neglect of payment.

SECTION 3. If any water rates or fractional parts thereof remain unpaid on the first day of October, the same shall be certified to the comptroller by the said collector, on or before the first day of November, and

shall be placed on the tax roll and collected, in the same manner as other taxes on real estate in said city.

SECTION 4. On the third Monday of April, 1882, ^{Collector of water rates.} and biennially thereafter, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the common council, a proper person as collector of water rates, who shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed for cause. Said collector shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, from and after the third Monday of April, 1881. He shall have authority to collect and receive all water rates, and give receipts therefor under the direction of the city engineer; he shall have charge of all books and papers relating to the water department, and shall cause the water rates to be duly assessed and listed, and shall also keep proper books of account, and shall account to and pay over to the city treasurer, monthly or oftener, all moneys which may come into his hands by virtue of his said office. He shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the common council, all subordinate officers connected with the assessment and collection of the water rates in said city, and may require them to give reasonable bonds for the faithful discharge of their official duties. He shall, before entering upon his official duties, as prescribed in this act, take the usual oath of office, and execute a bond to the city of Milwaukee, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the mayor in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office and account to and pay over to the city treasurer, all moneys which may come into his hands by virtue of his said office. The present collector of water rates shall remain in office and discharge the duties provided in this act, until the third Monday of April, 1882, at which time the first appointment under this act shall be made. He shall receive the salary prescribed in this act, from the passage and publication of this act, or as soon as he shall, after the passage of this act, give a new bond to the said city in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, to be approved as above, for the faithful performance of his official duties during the term aforesaid.

SECTION 5. All provisions of law conflicting with ^{Repealed.} the provisions of his act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 1, 1881.