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CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT to amend chapter 10, of the charter of the city of Milwaukee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21, of chapter 10, of the charter of the city of Milwaukee, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 21. On the third Tuesday of April, 1890, and every three years thereafter, the mayor of the city of Milwaukee shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the common council, a proper person to be the water registrar of said city, who shall hold his office for three years and until his successor is appointed and has qualified. Said water registrar shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars from the time he enters upon his duties. Said water registrar shall have authority to collect and receive all water-rates in said department, and shall have charge of all books and papers relating to the assessment and collection of water-rates, and shall cause the water-rates to be duly assessed and listed, and shall also keep proper books of account of the business of his said office and shall account to and pay over to the city treasurer of said city daily, all moneys which may come into his hands by virtue of the provisions of law relating to said office. Said water registrar shall appoint subject to the confirmation of the common council, all subordinate officers in his said department, and he may require such subordinate officers to give reasonable bonds for the faithful discharge of their official duties. Said water registrar shall before entering upon his official duties prescribed in this act, take the oath of office required of other city officers by the charter of said city, and shall also execute a bond to the city of Milwaukee, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the mayor and comptroller, in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge his duties of his said office, and account

Amend chapter 10, charter of Milwaukee.

Water registrar, duties and powers.

to and pay over to the city treasurer of said city, as required by law, all moneys which may come into his hands by virtue of said office. The water registrar shall file with the said comptroller on the first day of May and November in each year, a report containing a statement of the amount of assessments for the succeeding six months, stating the amount of each and every bill issued by him, also a statement of the amounts received by him for regular water-rates in each ward during the six months preceding said days, and of any and all changes made in the assessment for said period, and of all amount of regular water-rates uncollected during such period; also a separate statement of all the metered and measured water-rates collected by him during the preceding six months, and of the amounts of water-rates remaining uncollected at such time, and of all penalties and other moneys that may have been received by him. He shall also on the first day of each month furnish to the city engineer a statement of the amount of money received by him during the preceding month. The present collector of water-rates of said city of Milwaukee shall, from and after the passage and publication of this act, exercise and hold the office of water registrar of the water department of said city under the provisions of this act and receive the compensation hereinbefore provided, until his successor shall be appointed and have qualified as provided in this section.

Chapter 10 further amended.
~~Water-rates,~~
 when payable.

SECTION 2. Section 12, of chapter 10, of the charter of the city of Milwaukee is hereby further amended so as to read as follows: Section 12. All regular water-rates shall be due and payable on the first days of May and November in each year semi-annually in advance, and metered and measured water-rates shall be due and payable on the first days of January, April, July and October in each year, for the three months preceding such days. To all water-rates remaining unpaid on the twenty-first day of the month in which they become due, the water registrar shall add a penalty of five per cent. of the amount of such rates, and if such rates shall remain unpaid for ten days thereafter, he shall forthwith report the same to the city engineer who shall cause the water to be shut off from the premises so report-

ed, subject to the payment of such delinquent rates, and in all cases where the supply of water shall be shut off as above provided, the said city engineer shall not cause the water to be again turned on to said premises until the said water registrar shall duly certify to him, that all delinquent rates and penalties, and the sum of two dollars as expenses for turning the water off and on, shall have been paid. Whenever two or more dwellings or tenements or buildings are connected with a street main by one pipe only, the owner or owners of such premises shall provide a separate cut-off for each of said dwellings, tenements or buildings in such locality as the board of public works shall deem most efficient and expedient, and all such cut-offs shall be conveniently accessible to and shall be controlled exclusively by the proper officer of the water department. Said water registrar shall, on or before each day when such rates become due and payable as aforesaid, cause a written or printed notice to be mailed or personally delivered to the owner or occupant of all premises subject to the payment of water-rates, directed to the place where such water is consumed, stating the amount due, the time when and the place where such rates can be paid, and the penalty of neglect of payment. All water-rates for water furnished to any building or premises shall be a lien on the lot, part of lot, or parcel of land on which such building or premises shall be situated. If any water rates or fractional parts thereof remain unpaid on the first day of October in any year, the same shall be certified by said water registrar to the city comptroller on or before the first day of November next following, and shall be by him placed upon the tax roll and collected in the same manner as other taxes on real estate are collected in said city. The charge of water supplied by the city in all premises where meters are or shall be attached and connected, shall be at rates fixed by the board of public works with the approval of the common council; if in any case the water registrar shall determine that the quantity indicated by the meter is materially incorrect, then in such case the said water registrar in conjunction with the board of public works, shall determine in the best manner in their power

Penalty for
non-payment of
water-rate.

the quantity used, and such determination shall be conclusive; no water-rate or rates duly assessed by said water registrar against any property shall be thereafter remitted or changed except by the common council of said city.

repealed.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby modified, superseded or repealed to the extent of this act may be fully carried into effect.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 4, 1889.

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CHAPTER 276.

AN ACT to amend section 3, of title 4, of the revised and amended charter of the city of Beloit, being chapter 209, of the general laws of the year 1882.

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

Amend charter
of the city of
Milwaukee.
Salary of
mayor.

SECTION 1. Section 3, of title 4, of chapter 209, of the general laws of Wisconsin, passed in the year 1882, is hereby amended by adding to such section, a subdivision, No. 33, of said section, as follows: 33. The common council of said city are hereby authorized to pay the mayor of said city a salary, by resolution, or by an ordinance, adopted by said common council, a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars for each year, during his term. But no such resolution or ordinance shall take effect before the second Tuesday in April, after the adoption of such resolution or ordinance.

Approved April 4, 1889.