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The Department of Public Works,

BY AUTHORITY CONFERRED IN AND BY SEC. 353, CHAP. 410 OF THE CONSOLIDATION ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF JULY 1ST, 1882, IN THE WORDS FOLLOWING :

§ 353. "The rules and restrictions for the use of the water printed on each permit shall be notice to the water takers, and shall authorize the exaction and recovery, by process of law, of ary penalties which the Commissioner of Public Works may impose, in addition to the cutting off the use of the water for any violation of the rules; and this section shall be printed on such permits."

DOES ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PENALTIES:

1. No tenant will be allowed to supply water to other persons or families, for other than domestic purposes; and if found doing so, the supply will be stopped, and the amount of payment forfeited.

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

3. All persons taking the water shall keep their own service-pipes, stop-cocks, meters and apparatus in good repair, and protected from frost, at their own expense, and shall prevent all unnecessary waste of water.

4. No hydrant will be permitted on the sidewalk, or in the front area, and if standing in a yard or alley attached to any dwelling or building, will not be permitted to be kept running when not in actual use; taps or wash-basins, water-closets, baths, or urinals, must be kept closed in like manner.

5. Applications for water must state fully and truly all purposes for which it is required; and when paying the annual charges for it, parties must frankly and without concealment, enswer all questions put to them relating to its consumption. In cases of fraudulent misrepresentation on the part of the applicant or of uses of the water not embraced in this bill, or of willful or unreasonable waste of water, the Commissioner of Public Works shall have the right to forfeit his payment, and the supply of water shall be stopped, unless the party shall promptly pay such additional charge as the Commissioner of Public Works may impose.

6. The officers of the Department, personally, and every person by them delegated for the purpose, must have free access, at proper hours of the day, to all parts of every building and steam vessels in which Croton water is delivered and consumed.

7. Water-meters shall be placed in all stores, work-shops, hotels, manufactories, public edifices, at wharfs, ferry-houses, stables, and in all places in which water is furnished for business consumption, except private dwellings.

8. No hydraulic ram, engine or other machine, requiring for its operation the consumption of water, shall be put up in any building.

9. The rates for water supplied by meter shall be due and payable on the 1st days of April and October in each year.

10. All meters before being placed, must be sent, with a memorandum of the owner's or purchaser's name, residence, and place of business, to the Department Pipe-Yard, 24th Street and East River, to be tested. They will be returned within forty-eight hours, upon the written order of the owner, giving the name of the plumber who is to receive and set the meter.

11. Consumers are required to keep their meters in repair, and protect them from frost and injury of any kind, at their own expense.

12. All meters are to be placed under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Works, or such person as he may designate, so that they can be easily examined and read.

13. Between each meter and the Croton main a stop-cock must be placed on the service-pipe, within one foot of the meter, and no water from Croton mains shall be introduced or used on premises to be supplied by meter, except that which passes through the meter.

14. No meter shall be set within two feet of any sink, privy, cesspool, manure heap, or pit.

15. Licensed plumbers of this city, and employees of the Department of Public Works, are the only persons authorized to make connections with water mains, and to set or remove meters.

16. No meter shall be removed or repaired except upon a permit from the Department of Public Works; and whenever a meter is removed for any cause, the Commissioner of Public Works will require another to be put in its place.

17. In case of violation of any of the preceding requirements and regulations, or if free access to the meters, for examination or repair, shall at any time be denied to the Engineer, or such person or persons as the Commissioner of Public Works may employ for that purpose, or if upon examination it shall be found that the meter has been tampered with, the water supply shall be stopped, unless the party shall promptly pay such additional charge as the Commissioner of Public Works may impose; nor will the supply be resumed except upon payment of the expense of shutting off and turning on, and upon satisfactory understanding that no future cause for complaint shall arise.

18. It is provided by Section 352 of Consolidation Act of 1882, that "all expenses of meters, their connections and setting, water rates and other lawful charges for the supply of Croton water, shall be a lien upon the premises where such water is supplied as now provided by law." * * *

19. A proper reduction will be made for water rates already paid for the fiscal year, when bills for water furnished through meters are made out.

20. Bills for expenses or charges in connection with meters, and for water furnished through them, and permits required therefor, and all information in reference thereto, can be obtained at the office of the Water Register, 150 Nassau Street, Street Floor.