

service pipe or attachment, or for shutting off the water to repair mains or tap the pipes, provided notice be given of the intention to shut off the water, when the same is shut off, more than six hours at any one time.

Access allowed to Water Commissioners.

15. It shall be lawful for the officers of the said Water Commissioners and every person authorized by them for that purpose, to have free access at proper hours of the day to all parts of every building in which water is delivered and consumed.

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Penalty on unauthorized persons interfering with hydrants, &c.

16. If any person or persons, not being in the employment of the said Water Commissioners, or not being a member of the Fire Brigade of said City, and duly authorized in that behalf, shall wilfully open or close any hydrant, or obstruct the free access to any hydrant, stop-cock, stop-cock chamber or hydrant chamber, by placing on it any building material, rubbish or otherwise, every such person shall, on conviction before any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not exceeding *five pounds*, or in default of payment, be liable to be imprisoned in the gaol of the County for a term not to exceed thirty days, and that each time said hydrants are so interfered with, and each day said obstruction shall continue shall be considered a separate offence.

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Water Works property exempt from taxes.

17. The lands, buildings, machinery, reservoirs, pipes, and all other real and personal property connected with, or belonging to the Water Commissioners of the said city, shall from henceforth be exempt from taxation.

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Water Watchmen to be constables.

18. The watchman and other officers of the said Water Commissioners, shall be *ex officio* possessed of all the powers and authority of officers of the Peace.

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Half-yearly statements of Commissioners.

19. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said in part recited Act, the said Water Commissioners shall prepare a statement of their affairs up to the thirtieth day of June, and the thirty-first day of December, in each year, and such statements shall, within thirty days from those respective dates, be rendered to the Corporation of the said city.

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Water may be supplied to parties without the city.

20. The said Water Commissioners shall have free power and authority to supply any person or persons with water, although he, she, or they, shall not reside within the City of Hamilton, but all the power conferred on such Water Commissioners, to be exercised within said city, shall, and may be exercised in the townships of Barton and Saltfleet.

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Public Act.

21. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.