

and number of fittings to be supplied, and shall be made by the owner of the premises for which the water is required. Every application must state the name of the licensed plumber engaged to make the required connection on behalf of the owner.

124. *Meter*.—The meter shall be placed within four feet of the boundary nearest to the water-main, and shall be protected by the consumer in a manner to be approved by the Inspector, and shall be provided with a padlock, the key of which shall be labelled and lodged at the office of the Road Board. An approved high-pressure stop-cock shall be fixed on the service close to each meter, by and at the cost of the consumer.

125. *Inspector to estimate Consumption*.—Should any meter be removed, or cease to register, or register inaccurately, the Inspector shall estimate the consumption for the period (not exceeding one month) during which such meter shall have been removed or have ceased to register or have registered inaccurately. He shall be guided in such estimate by the quantity of water registered during the month following the reinstatement of the meter. His decision shall be final.

126. *Approved Meters only*.—Unless where specially permitted by the Road Board, all meters used by any consumer shall be fixed or removed only by the Board, and shall be of such design, quality, and workmanship as may be approved by the Inspector; and no meter shall be fixed or refixed which has not been tested, approved, stamped, and sealed immediately prior to fixing by a duly authorized officer of the Board.

127. *Connection to Meter prohibited*.—No connection of any kind shall be made with the communication pipe to any meter.

128. *Testing of Meter*.—The Board may at any time remove any meter from the premises of any consumer for the purpose of testing its accuracy, or for examination or repair. If found inaccurate or out of repair the Board may cut off the supply until any necessary repairs have been effected, and until such meter shall have been retested, found correct, and resealed, or, in the alternative, until a new meter shall have been substituted.

129. *Cost of Testing*.—If any consumer desires to have a meter tested, the Board will do so, provided that if such meter be found to register five per cent. over or under the absolute quantity passing through, such consumer shall pay the cost of testing, removal, resealing, and refixing.

130. *Interference with Meter*.—No person shall, without the written consent of the Inspector, fix or remove any meter; and no person other than a duly authorized officer of the Board shall tamper or interfere with or break the seal affixed to any meter.

131. *Minimum Rates*.—Upon all properties in the district to which the water can be, but is not supplied, situate within one hundred yards from any part of the waterworks mains, the minimum rates shall be paid by the owner of such property.

132. *Payment of Accounts*.—Meters will be read half-yearly, and accounts rendered according to the rate or rates fixed by the Board in that behalf from time to time. Such accounts shall be paid by the owner of the property within fourteen days of the presentation of the account. If any default shall be made in payment of any charge, or any moneys payable in respect of any supply under this by-law, the Board may cut off the supply without notice, and also the Board may recover the moneys owing in any Court of competent jurisdiction as a debt owing to the Board.

133. *Taps, &c., to be provided*.—Every person supplied with water from the waterworks shall provide such proper taps, stopcocks, pipes, and such other apparatus as the Board requires, and shall keep the same in good repair, so as to prevent the water running to waste.

134. *Regulations as to Fittings*.—Where, in the opinion of the Inspector, any service or fitting in connection with any such water service as aforesaid is found to have deteriorated through ordinary wear-and-tear or other cause, or is found to be of inferior quality or workmanship, or is, in the opinion of the Inspector, causing or likely soon to cause waste of water or to be insufficient for the proper supply of water for sanitary purposes, it shall be lawful for the Inspector to give to the owner of the premises three days' notice in writing requiring him to provide such water service or fittings as shall be mentioned in that behalf in such notice, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the owner of the premises to cause such water service or fittings to be provided, laid, set up, and affixed within the said period of three days, of the design and materials set out in the said notice, and to disconnect and remove, or cause to be disconnected and removed, the old, defective, inferior, or insufficient water service and fittings referred to in this clause.

This present clause shall (the necessary consequential alterations being deemed made therein) extend and apply in the case of any water service or fittings hereafter laid, set up, or affixed under the provisions of such by-law, which shall, in such opinion as aforesaid, be so worn as to cause, or be likely soon to cause, waste of water.

135. *Notice to Inspector*.—No person shall attach any pipe, cock, or other fitting to the mains of the Board, or to any pipe or apparatus connected therewith, or make any addition or alteration to or in any water service or apparatus connected therewith without having first given notice in writing on the required form to the Inspector of the work proposed to be done, and having obtained his consent in writing thereto.

136. *Outside Supplies*.—Supplier by meter outside the district to private individuals or outside bodies to be charged for at such prices as the Board may determine.

137. *Supply to Builders*.—Builders shall be supplied by meter at the rate of 2s. per 1,000 gallons. They shall deposit the cost of the meter, which cost shall be retained as security that the meter is left in good order. No rent shall be charged for the meter. Minimum charge for water, 10s.

138. *Rental for Meter*.—There shall be a rental of 15s. per annum, payable quarterly in advance, by the owner of the premises, for each meter supplied. (A deposit of the value of the meter supplied shall, if deemed necessary, be deposited by applicants.)

139. *Fee*.—There shall be a fee of 10s., payable by the owner of the premises, for cutting off and turning on the water.

140. *Difference to be charged*.—All pipes over three-quarter inch to be charged the difference of cost.

141. *Connection where there is no Main*.—In cases where application is made for connection in streets where there is no main, water to be supplied on such terms as to cost as may be determined by the Board.

PLUMBERS.

142. *Authority to Plumbers*.—Competent plumbers may be licensed by the Board to lay pipes and do any work in connection with water-supply on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. for every authority issued.

143. *Work to be executed by Licensed Plumber only*.—It shall not be lawful for any person other than a plumber duly licensed to make, cut off, repair, alter, extend any connection to any service or communication pipe or main; or to fix, remove, alter, or replace any pipe, fitting, or apparatus connected with the water-supply to any premises.

144. *Notice to be given*.—No plumber shall do any work connected with the water-supply without giving at least one clear day's notice thereof, and receiving written authority to do such work from the officer appointed by the Board.

145. *Responsibility of Plumber*.—All work undertaken by licensed plumbers under or in connection with this by-law shall be done by them personally, or by some other licensed plumber; but the licensed master plumber undertaking the work shall at all times be liable to make good any defects which may arise through the carelessness or incompetence of the person actually performing the work. The licensed master plumber undertaking the work shall be responsible for the safety of the public and traffic during the entire period of his operations, and he shall take such precautions as may be necessary to prevent accidents. He also shall indemnify the Board against any loss or damage it may suffer or be put to on account of any negligence on his part by reason of his failure to comply with the provisions of this by-law. He shall make good all defective work which may arise through his carelessness or inadvertence, and shall be responsible to the Board for the expense of reinstating or making good any damage done to any street or footpath.

146. *Approval*.—All work shall be done to the satisfaction and approval of the turncock or other officer appointed by the Board, and must be passed by him before the water shall be turned on at the main.

147. *Right of Entry*.—It shall be lawful for the Road Board's Engineer and Inspector, duly authorized or appointed by the Board, at any time between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and six o'clock in the afternoon of any day excepting Sunday, to enter into any dwellinghouse or other building or premises within the district for the purpose of inspecting all or any of the fittings and other apparatus therein connected directly or indirectly with the waterworks. Any person resisting or refusing to allow any such entry or inspection shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this by-law.

148. *Wrong or False Information*.—No person shall give to any officer of the Board false information upon any matter pertaining to water-supply.

149. *Fire-plug Notices*.—No one shall remove, deface, or allow to become overgrown any fire-plug notice erected on their premises. The officer of the Board has the right to erect, renew, or renovate such notices at any time.

150. *Penalties for Breaches of By-laws*.—Every person guilty of an offence against or committing any breach of or failing to perform any duty imposed upon him by any provision contained in any clause in any Part of these by-laws shall be liable for each such offence, breach, or failure to a penalty not exceeding £5, as the Court inflicting the same shall in its discretion think fit; and in each case in which such offence,