

By-laws under the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922.

WHEREAS by section 8 of the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922, the control of water-supply to the Borough of Rotorua is vested in the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, which for the purposes of such section is a body corporate: And whereas in respect of such works the said Department has all the powers for the time being conferred by law on Borough Councils, except the power to borrow money or to make and levy any special rate: Now, therefore, the said Department, in pursuance of such powers and all other powers thereunto enabling it, doth hereby make the by-laws hereinafter set forth, and doth hereby revoke Part XIV of the Rotorua Town By-laws, 1909, as published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 8th day of December, 1909, and as amended and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on the 10th day of January, 1918, and doth substitute therefor the by-laws following: and doth hereby declare that such by-laws shall take effect and come into force on the 1st day of October, 1923.

BY-LAWS.

PART XIV.—WATER-SUPPLY.

In these by-laws,—

- “Supply-pipe” means any pipe leading from the street water-main to the boundary of a consumer’s property.
- “Service pipe” means any pipe connected either to the supply-pipe, or, in accordance with a special arrangement under section 8 of these by-laws, with another service pipe, conveying water to any house or other building, on the consumer’s property.
- “Lock-up shop” means any shop which has no residential apartments, or apartments used as such, in connection therewith.

1. *Water-supply must be obtained in certain Cases.*—(a.) Where the Department’s local controlling officer shall certify in writing under his hand that any dwellinghouse is without a proper supply of water, he may give notice in writing under his hand to the owner for the time being of the dwellinghouse requiring him within a time stated in the notice to obtain a supply from the waterworks under the control of the Department, and to do all works necessary for that purpose.

- (b.) Any such notice may be renewed from time to time.
- (c.) Such owner shall, within the time limited in the notice or renewed notice, comply with the requirements, and shall provide and affix in connection with the service all appliances and fittings required by these by-laws, and shall generally in relation to such service comply with the provisions of these by-laws.

2. *Ordinary and Extraordinary Supplies.*—The purposes for which water shall be supplied by the Department are as follows:—

- (a.) Ordinary supply: Class I, domestic or household, not otherwise; Class II, commercial. Both as hereinafter defined.
- (b.) Extraordinary supply: For commercial and industrial purposes as hereinafter defined.

3. *Application for Supply.*—All applications for any water-supply shall be made in the form prescribed by the Department’s local controlling officer, and if for an ordinary supply shall be accompanied with a half-year’s fee payable in advance, and connection fees as hereinafter provided. All applications shall state the name of the licensed plumber engaged to make the connection.

4. *Charges.*—The charges for water-supply shall be as follows:—

Ordinary Supply.—Class I, Domestic.

- (a.) Domestic or household supply, not otherwise: For each service to each household or family occupying exclusive premises, or apartment houses, or semi-detached dwellings, or for separate premises on same land occupied as residences £ s. d. 1 13 0
- (b.) For flushing-supply service to each patent water-closet, not metered 1 2 0
- (c.) For flushing-supply service to each urinal or other sanitary convenience, not metered .. 1 2 0

The foregoing charges shall also be payable for each patent water-closet, urinal, or other sanitary convenience connected with septic tanks.

Ordinary Supply.—Class II, Commercial.

- (a.) Tea-rooms, dining-rooms, restaurants, manufacturing confectioners, premises in which photographs are developed, garages with washboard: For each of these services .. 3 6 0
- (b.) Shops in which ice-cream or assorted drinks are made and sold: For each shop .. 2 4 0

- (c.) Kitchen or market gardens, for one tap .. 1 13 0
For each additional tap 0 11 0
- Dental rooms, for each suite 1 13 0
- Horse or cattle troughs, each 1 13 0
- Factories with electric power, each 1 13 0
- (d.) Chemists’ shops, dry-cleaners, fresh-fish dealers, each shop 1 2 0
- (e.) Lock-up shops other than those previously specified, motor mechanics’ premises, garages without washboards: For each of these services 0 11 0
- This charge shall be payable whether or not water is laid into any particular shop or premises.
- Where a horse is kept for delivery of goods, for each horse 0 11 0
- (f.) Halls not metered, and similar buildings: For each hall or building 0 11 0

Extraordinary Supply.

This shall include water for—
Hotels and boardinghouses, and all sanitary conveniences in connection therewith.
Laundries, private and public hospitals.
Dairies, bakehouses, butchers’ shops, slaughterhouses.
Aerated-water or cordial factories.
Theatres and public halls, contractors’ or carriers’ stables
Educational or religious establishments with residential accommodation.
Wholesale wine and spirit shops.
Water-motors, steam-boilers, or oil-engines.
Garden fountains.
Massage-rooms, factories or workshops, or any businesses not otherwise mentioned.

Water for such extraordinary services may be supplied through a meter, or at a fixed charge of not less than £3 per annum.

Where supply is given through a meter, the water shall be charged for at 1s. per 1,000 gallons, but the minimum charge for supply by meter for any year shall be £3 per annum.

Water for extraordinary supply shall be supplied only at the discretion of the Department’s local controlling officer, who shall also have discretionary power in deciding whether or not a meter shall be installed in any of the above supplies, or for any other supply not already provided for.

Charges other than those for metered supplies shall be paid half-yearly in advance. Premises for which such charges are not paid on the expiry of the first quarter of the half-year for which payments are due shall be liable to disconnection, without notice.

When any supply, whether ordinary or extraordinary, has been disconnected for non-payment of charges or for any breach of these by-laws, a charge of 5s. shall be paid to the Department before the service is restored. The supply shall remain disconnected until full compliance with these by-laws has been made.

5. *Accounts.*—(a.) The accounts for water charges shall be rendered half-yearly as on 31st March and 30th September, and must be paid within three calendar months after the date on which the amount became due.

(b.) Where, in the case of an extraordinary supply, at the end of a half-year of supply the minimum charge shall not have been reached by the meter-reading, excess shall be paid within three calendar months after the end of such half-year.

(c.) Wherever an annual sum is fixed by any part of these by-laws a proportionate sum only shall be payable for any half-year. The year shall expire on 31st March.

(d.) When current accounts are paid on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each half-yearly period, discounts shall be allowed as follows:—

- On ordinary supply: One-eleventh of charge for current half-year.
- On extraordinary supply: 5 per cent. of the amount due for the current half-year.

6. *Connections.*—In making connections the Department will in all cases tap the main, supply and fix the angle cock and stopcock, and supply and lay the supply pipe from the main to the nearest boundary of the consumer’s premises. In the case of an extraordinary supply the Department will also supply the meter.

7. *Fees for making Connections.*—All applications for an ordinary supply shall be accompanied by a fee of £1 15s., to cover cost of connection and supply of pipe and fittings for same. The cost of connections for extraordinary supply shall be according to diameter of the necessary supply pipe, and valves.

8. *Number of Services.*—No premises shall be supplied by means of more than one service pipe, and, except by special arrangement with the Department, only one premises shall be supplied off each service connection.