

(b) abstract or use water before it has been registered by a meter set up for the purpose of measuring the same.

(2) The existence of artificial means under the control of the consumer for causing any such alteration, prevention, abstraction or use shall be evidence that the consumer has fraudulently affected the same.

#### *General Provisions.*

Prohibition of wilful or neglectful acts relating to water works.

**14.** No person shall wilfully or negligently—

(a) injure or suffer to be injured any meter belonging to the Corporation or any of the fittings or any such meter;

(b) break, injure or open any lock, seal, cock, valve, pipe work, engine, cistern or fitting appertaining to any municipal water-work;

(c) flush or draw off the water from any such water-work, thereby causing such water to be wasted;

(d) do any act or suffer any act to be done whereby the water in, or derived from, any municipal water-work shall be wasted;

(e) obstruct, divert or in any way injure or alter any water-main or duct;

(f) except with the permission of the Commissioner, open, break, injure or tamper with any lock furnished under the provisions of this act;

(g) foul or pollute or otherwise render unfit for human consumption the water contained in any municipal water-work.

Compensation to be payable by offenders against rule 13 or 14.

**15.** Compensation shall be paid by the offender for any damage which the Corporation sustains by reason or any contravention of rule 13 or rule 14.

What persons to be liable for offences under certain provisions of this Act.

**16.** If it shall be shown that an offence against some provision of this Act or against some rule or by-law relating to water-supply has occurred on any premises to which a private supply of water is furnished by the Corporation, the owner, the person primarily liable for the payment of water tax and occupier of the said premises shall be jointly and severally liable for the same.

Commissioner may execute works under this Chapter without allowing option to persons concerned of executing the same.

**17.** (1) The Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, cause any work described in this Chapter to be executed or any cistern to be supplied with a lock and key by municipal or other agency under his own orders, without first of all giving the person by whom the same would otherwise have to be executed or supplied the option of doing or supplying the same.

(2) The expenses of any work so done or of supplying such lock and key shall be paid by the person aforesaid, unless the Corporation shall, by a general or special order or resolution, sanction, as it is hereby empowered to sanction, the execution of such work or the supply of such lock and key at the charge of the Municipal Fund.

Work under this Chapter to be done by licensed plumber.

**18.** (1) No person other than a licensed plumber shall execute any work described in this Chapter, other than the provision of a lock and key and no person shall permit any such work to be executed except by a licensed plumber.

(2) Every person who employs a licensed plumber to execute any such work shall, when so required, furnish to the Commissioner the name of such plumber.

(3) Where any person causes or permits any pipe, cistern or fitting or other work necessary for conveying a private supply of water from a municipal water work into any premises to be laid, applied or executed in contravention or sub-rule (1), he shall in addition to being liable to the penalty prescribed for such contravention, not be entitled to an independent or branch connection until the defects, if any, in such pipe, cistern, fitting or work are removed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.