

one for four years, shall on the organization of the board draw lots for their several terms, and at the expiration of each term of office the Mayor and City Council shall elect a person to serve three years, and a vacancy by death, resignation or removal from the town to be filled by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council; and said Water Board shall organize within thirty days after the adoption of this Act by the people, by electing a president, secretary and treasurer, and shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection. The said Water Board of Laurel shall have full power to fix schedules of rates for furnishing water to private residences and other buildings, and also in case of the purchase or construction of an electric light plant shall have like power to fix schedules of rates for lighting residences and other buildings, and the said Mayor and City Council shall have power to collect the same as other taxes are collected, and the income thereof shall be applied as above indicated, first for expenses and maintenance, and afterwards for the payment of interest and sinking fund to meet the bonds at maturity.

1900, ch. 169, sec. 4. 1912 Code, sec. 420.

677. The title to said water works and all lands, estates and water-courses, waterways, conduits, pipes, machinery and all other parts thereof shall, when completed or acquired, vest in the Mayor and City Council of Laurel; and every person who shall knowingly or wilfully pollute any spring, stream, brook, watercourse, reservoir or standpipe in connection with the said water works so built or constructed by throwing any impure or deleterious substance or thing into the same, or by swimming, bathing or washing themselves, or by washing clothes or any other unclean or impure thing therein, or by committing any nuisance in or near the sources of supply or the reservoir or standpipe for said water works, so as to pollute the same shall, upon conviction of such offense, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, for each offense, to be recovered by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel before a justice of the peace, as other fines are recoverable, or to imprisonment in the county jail or the House of Correction for a term of not less than six months, nor more than three years, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the justice of the peace, one-half of such fine to go to the informer and the balance to the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, for the purpose of this Act. And the title to any electric plant, real estate, poles, wires, machinery and appurtenances thereto belonging, which may be purchased from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds herein provided to be issued shall vest in the said Mayor and City Council, and any person who shall knowingly or wilfully damage, destroy, do or suffer anything to be done to said plant, poles, wires, machinery or appurtenances, which will in any way interfere with or retard the free and perfect operation of the same shall, upon conviction of such offense, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the county jail or the House of Correction, for a term of not less than six