

1898, ch. 125, sec. 4. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 630.

**971.** Said council is hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this subtitle of this article; to contract for the building and construction of all or any portion of said improvements, either in one contract or in several, either with or without prior advertisement for bids, and with power to reject any or all bids which may be received therefor. And said council shall have full control of said water works, sewerage system and electric lighting plant when constructed, and shall have authority to employ such superintendents, workmen or other employees as may be necessary to carry on the same, and to purchase all supplies necessary for the successful operation thereof; to establish and maintain rules and regulations for furnishing said water and electric lighting to the residents thereof, and to sell water, light or power to any person or corporation, and to compel the householders of said town to connect their houses with the sewerage system so to be established, whenever in their judgment the public health and safety makes such action necessary, and to pass all ordinances necessary thereto; to establish and enforce rules and regulations governing sewer, water and electric wire connections and construction in said town; to fix and establish, from time to time, a schedule of rates and charges to be made and collected for the use of said water and electric lighting, by private consumers and to provide for the manner of collecting the same, which said charges are hereby made a lien upon the real estate to which said water and light may be furnished of the same degree and to be collected in the same manner, when delinquent, as the general taxes of said town. The said council is also empowered to make suitable provision for the protection of the property in said town from fire by providing a suitable number of fire plugs or public hydrants properly adapted to that purpose and conveniently situated for use.

1898, ch. 125, sec. 5. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 631.

**972.** The title to said water works, sewerage system and electric lighting plant, and all lands, estates, water-courses, water-ways, conduit pipes, machinery, and all other parts thereof whatever, and all property belonging and pertaining thereto shall, when completed as required, vest in said town of Takoma Park, and any person who shall knowingly or wilfully pollute any spring, stream, brook, water course, or reservoir in connection with said water works so built or erected, by throwing or placing any impure or deleterious substance or thing into the same or by swimming, bathing or washing themselves, or by washing clothes or any unclean or impure thing therein, or by committing or permitting any nuisance in or near the sources of supply, or the reservoirs, 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 five nor more than fifty dollars for each offense, to be recovered by the town of Takoma Park before a justice of the peace, as other fines are recoverable, one-half of such fine to go to the informer, and the balance to the town of Takoma Park for the purposes of said water works and sewer system.