

powered in their absolute discretion to issue or withhold as the circumstances may appear to them to warrant. In case the said Mayor and Highways Engineer determine to issue said permit, they may attach such conditions and terms thereto as they may deem right and proper.

### WATER ENGINEER.

1898, ch. 123.

**87.** The Water Engineer shall be the head of the second sub-department of Public Improvements, and shall have charge of the water supply to the inhabitants of the City of Baltimore, and shall be appointed by the Mayor in the manner prescribed in section 25 of this Charter, and hold office as therein provided. The Water Engineer shall be a civil engineer in the active practice of his profession for five years, and who has had responsible charge of work for at least that period of time. The Water Engineer shall receive a salary of four thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. All subordinates employed in said sub-department shall be appointed by the Water Engineer; he shall fix their compensation not to exceed in the aggregate the amount appropriated by ordinance. The Water Engineer shall perform such other duties as now or may hereafter be prescribed by ordinances not inconsistent with this Charter.

*See sec. 85A.*

1904, ch. 364.

**87A.** The Water Engineer shall have such power and authority with reference to the assessing and establishing of rates either by meter, fixed charge or otherwise, for the supply and use of water for any purpose and at any point in Baltimore City and County, as may be delegated to said Engineer by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; payments of said rates to be enforced as now provided by law; and the said Water Engineer shall also have such power and authority with reference to the abatement of water rates as may be delegated to him by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.\*

### HARBOR ENGINEER.

1908, ch. 170.

**88.** The Harbor Engineer shall be the head of the third sub-department of Public Improvements, which shall have charge of the harbor, wharves and navigable waters, including bridges over same, in and adjacent to the City of Baltimore. The Harbor Engineer shall be a civil engineer in the active practice of his profession for five years, and who has had responsible charge of work for at least that period of time. The Harbor Engineer shall receive a salary of four thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. All subordinates employed in said sub-department shall be appointed by the Harbor Engineer; he shall fix their com-

\**See sec. 85A, subsec. 1, hereof, which requires approval of Board of Estimates.*