

est not exceeding six per cent per annum, and to provide by ordinance for the redemption of the same at a certain time, and under such provisions as the Mayor and City Council may deem expedient and proper; the said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized and empowered to assess rates for the supply and use of water at any point in Baltimore City and County, to assess a water tax on houses and other buildings in said city, within three hundred feet of a line of water pipes; *provided*, they shall not assess a water tax on any building where the water is not taken on the premises, for a sum greater than five dollars nor less than one dollar per annum; and the Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to enforce payment for the use of the water, and other expenses incurred in the introduction of water from the water mains, according to the rates established by the said Mayor and City Council, and for the water tax assessed, said payments to be enforced by the same process that City or State taxes are collected, or they may be collected by process before a Justice of the Peace, or in any of the Courts of the city of Baltimore having jurisdiction in such cases; and the said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint watchmen or such police force as may be necessary for the protection of their water works in the city and county of Baltimore, and to impose fines and penalties for interference with or injury to the works or their appendages, to prevent the water from being obstructed or contaminated, and to prohibit all meddling or tampering with the water works and their appurtenances; said fines and penalties shall be enforced as provided in article four, section two hundred and twenty-nine to two hundred and thirty-five inclusive, of the Public Local Laws.

To assess rates.

Proviso.

How collected.

Penalties for injury.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

In force.