

fixing a time to be set forth in said notice for a hearing thereon in said Court as soon thereafter as may be, at which hearing any citizen who is a taxpayer or water consumer may appear and be heard. The proceedings in reference thereto at such hearing shall be informal and, if, after such hearing, the Court shall pass an Order authorizing the borrowing of such sum or sums of money as the Court may deem adequate and proper to meet the emergency, thereupon the said Mayor and City Council shall be authorized to borrow the same and to pledge the credit of the city to the amount specified by the Court in its Order. There shall be no appeal from the finding of the Circuit Court.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT BOND ISSUES

The Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, in addition to the power to borrow money as set forth in Section 55, or as hereinbefore set forth, in this section, shall also have the power to borrow from time to time, pledging the credit of the city therefor, such sums of money as they may deem necessary for the operation, preservation or extension of the water system of said city, including the vicinity of Cumberland; provided, however, that before any such loan is made, the Mayor and City Council shall pass an ordinance authorizing such loan, stating its purpose and setting forth in detail the terms and provisions thereof, which ordinance shall be published once a week for at least four weeks in one or more daily newspapers published in the City of Cumberland, and provided further that such loan shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon by the duly qualified voters of the city at a general or special election at which the approval or disapproval of such loan shall be submitted.

E. WATER SYSTEM INDEBTEDNESS

The bonds heretofore or hereafter issued for water improvements shall be issued in addition to and exclusive of the ten per cent bonded indebtedness on the assessed valuation of the City of Cumberland authorized by Section 55 of Chapter 96 of the Acts of the Assembly of 1922 (City Code, Sec. 55).

F. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

If the Mayor or any member of the City Council or any city employee shall violate any of the provisions of this section, he or they shall, upon trial and conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not exceeding One Thousand