

after the date of said grant, not to exceed forty years, the said mayor and councilmen shall have the right and power to purchase said water supply system, lands, buildings, mains, pipes, machinery, tools, connections, valves, hydrants, water rights and other rights or property belonging to or used in connection with said water system, the method of fixing the purchase price therefor to be fixed in the said grant of franchises, and all rights and franchises so granted to be at an end and to determine immediately upon the completion of said purchase; and said franchise may include the right upon the part of the grantees thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, to contract with the takers of said water for the rents or charges for the use of said water, and for reasonable and proper regulations for its use; and making said grant, said mayor and councilmen may provide for such other and further reasonable and proper regulations as to the exercise of said powers, rights and franchise, as they may see fit to prescribe in said grant.

Grant to contain provision for purchase.

SEC. 43. *And be it enacted*, That said mayor and councilmen are further authorized and empowered to contract with the grantees of said franchise, their successors, heirs or assigns, for such number of public fire hydrants as they may deem necessary for the proper protection of public and private property from loss by fire, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between said mayor and councilmen and said grantees, their successors, heirs or assigns, and for such length of time as may be so agreed upon, up to the time of the purchase of said plant by said town.

Contract for fire hydrants.

SEC. 44. And said mayor and councilmen are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect a special tax on the assessable property of said town sufficient to pay said grantees of said franchise, their successors, heirs or assigns, such sum or sums as they may contract to pay for public fire hydrants under the provisions of the preceding section, and the said taxes so levied shall be a lien upon property, and shall be collected in the same manner as are the taxes for the general purposes of said town.

To levy tax to pay for fire hydrants.

SEC. 45. And if said mayor and councilmen shall exercise the power in sections forty-two, forty-three and forty-four herebefore granted them, to grant the owners of a private system of water supply exclusive rights in said town, as therein provided, then from and after the grant of said exclusive rights and franchises, down to the time of the termination of

City not to build system.