

through which they deem it necessary to convey said water, and they shall have all the rights and powers necessary for bringing water to the City.

(c) It may subscribe for and take stock in any water company having for its object the supplying of water to the City, in accordance with the plan voted for by a majority of the votes cast at the referendum held in 1910. When subscribing to the stock of any such company, the City shall take all of said stock except such shares as may be necessary to allot to citizens of the United States in order to qualify them to act as directors in any such company.

(d) The Mayor and City Council may by ordinance do those things which they deem necessary and proper in order to accomplish the objects of this sub-title, to regulate the introduction of water into the City, and the use thereof, and to protect and preserve the machinery and property connected therewith.

154. RATES. (a) The Mayor and City Council shall charge and collect for the water supplied to the residents of Cumberland and its vicinity a sum sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the water system, to pay the interest on and the redemption of all water bonds which may at any time be outstanding against the City, and to pay all other indebtedness of the City incurred for the building, extension, operation and maintenance of the water system, including that part of the water system located in the State of Pennsylvania and held in the name of the Evitts Creek Water Company.

(b) The receipts from the water system shall be kept in a separate fund and handled under a separate accounting system. In case of any deficit in the operations of the Water Department, the Mayor and City Council shall increase the water rentals so as to liquidate the deficit and prevent any future deficit. If at the end of any fiscal year there is in the water fund an excess of receipts over expenditures for the same period, such amount shall be set aside and applied to the redemption of water bonds, either by being paid over to the trustees of any sinking fund for water bonds, and by them to be invested and used for the redemption of such bonds, or by being used for the redemption of serial bonds.

(c) As soon as the water bonds which are outstanding at the time this Article becomes effective have been retired, all revenues and receipts of the Water Department shall become part of the general funds of the City, and shall be accounted for as such. All water bonds which may have been issued