

**13-2402. Superintendent; duties; salary; bond; contract for management; term; ratification, when.** Said board shall appoint a superintendent of waterworks, who shall have charge of the said waterworks and all property connected therewith, and shall manage and control the same under the direction of said board. The superintendent of waterworks shall inspect all parts of said waterworks and see that they are maintained in good condition for use, and that all employees of the water department attend to their respective duties. He or she shall keep in good repair the pumps, hydrants, and all other waterworks property. All officers, employees, servants and agents of said department when appointed by said board, shall be under the immediate control and management of said superintendent.

The superintendent shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed by the said board of commissioners by ordinance or resolution. The superintendent of waterworks shall receive a salary which shall be fixed by ordinance. He or she shall give a good and sufficient surety-company bond to the city, in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be approved by the board of commissioners, conditioned for the faithful performance of duties and for a true and faithful accounting of all moneys that may come into his or her hands by virtue of his or her position. The actual cost of said bond shall be paid out of the revenue of said department: Provided, however, That any such city may in lieu of, or in addition to, the appointment of a superintendent of waterworks, be a party to a contract with a corporation skilled and experienced in the management of waterworks properties under which contract such corporation shall have the management of such waterworks properties and the operation of the waterworks system of which such properties are a part, subject to the general supervision, discretion and control of such city in the exercise and discharge of its duties under the law: Provided further, That such contract shall be for a term of not more than five years and may contain such other conditions and provisions, not inconsistent with the foregoing proviso, as may be necessary or desirable: Provided further, That any management contract executed without authority of law prior to the effective date of this act by the board of commissioners of any city shall be of no force or effect unless ratified, confirmed and approved after the effective date of this act by a majority vote of the board of commissioners of said city.

**History:** L. 1907, ch. 114, § 100; L. 1913, ch. 85, § 6; L. 1921, ch. 111, §1; R.S. 1923, § 13-2402; L. 1939, ch. 114, § 1; L. 1945, ch. 99, § 26; L. 1957, ch. 125, § 1; May 1.