

**13-2418. Same; powers and duties; employees; eminent domain; rules and regulations.** The waterworks board shall have the exclusive control of the water plant and shall be charged with the duty of producing and supplying the city and its inhabitants with water for domestic and industrial purposes and for public use in the city; and may sell and dispose of any surplus outside of the city for such purposes said board may control lines and give service outside the boundaries of the city.

Said board shall have authority to enter into agreements to sell water to any township which has a water distributing system and may deposit moneys received under any such agreement to the credit of the joint account of the township and the water board. It shall have power to hire and discharge all employees, agents and officers of the water department and fix their compensation, and purchase all machinery, tools and other appliances and all materials and supplies necessary for the purposes of said department, and may in the name of the city take and hold by purchase, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise such franchises and real or personal property either within or without the city as may be needful or convenient for the carrying out of the intended purposes for which it is established.

It shall be the duty of the governing body of the city when requested by the waterworks board to enact such ordinances as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the water plant, and to institute condemnation proceedings whenever in the judgment of the waterworks board private property should be taken in the name of the city for water plant purposes.

The waterworks board may establish all reasonable rules and regulations to protect the rights and property vested in the city and under control of the board; may issue vouchers or warrants in payment of all claims and accounts incurred by said board, which vouchers or warrants when approved by the board shall be authority to the city treasurer to pay and charge the same against the proper funds, and shall also have such other powers as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duties.

**History:** L. 1937, ch. 143, § 5; L. 1941, ch. 134, § 2; June 30.