Power of Board to fix rates.

for the use of water in said buildings, and to change the same if it is deemed advisable, and to determine the terms, from year to year, and the conditions upon which the same may be used; provided, that such fixed charges or rates, if and when established, shall be uniform for all individuals, firms or corporations engaged in the same class or description of business or occupation; and provided, further, that if the said Board, in any case, shall deem proper and advisable, it shall have full power and authority to install, in any of said buildings, proper water meters, and to ascertain, by said meters, the amount of water used, and such meter rates shall be in lieu and instead of any fixed charge for water used in such buildings, save only the charge for steam boilers hereinbefore provided for, which shall be in addition to said meter charges, and the charge for hydraulic elevators shall be at the rate above prescribed.

Collection.

The bills for water used or work done by the department to be collected quarterly by the Collector of Water Rents and Licenses and all bills therefor shall be paid within ten days after the same are due, or the Collector of Water Rents and Licenses shall cut off the supply.

Power to abate.

The Water Board shall have full power and authority to abate any charge for water made against any property, whether the same be made by meter, fixed charge or otherwise, whenever the said Board, in its discretion, may, for any cause, deem such abatement proper and advisable, and said abatement may, in the discretion of the

Board, be of the whole or any part of the charge so made, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may deem advisable and may prescribe.

Washing pavements.

The Water Board is hereby authorized to temporarily suspend and prohibit the use of water for washing pavements, streets, etc., when, in its judgment, the state of the water supply requires that the same be done, and any person, who, after notice from the Water Board to cease using water for washing pavements, strets, etc., shall use a hose attachment therefor, shall, upon arrest and conviction, pay a fine not exceeding five dollars.

Rates outside city limits.

For water furnished beyond the limits of the City of Baltimore, the rates and charges provided for by this ordinance shall be paid in accordance with the uses to which said water may be put; provided, however, that the Water Board may, in its discretion, increase such rates and charges for water furnished outside the city limits beyond the rates charged for water used for the same purposes as in the city limits, if, in its discretion, it considers such increase advisable and, in such case, the amount of such increase shall be in the discretion of the Water Board.

Cellar drainers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further ordained*, That nothing in this ordinance contained shall be construed as conferring any power or authority upon the Water Board to impose or collect charges for the water used in connection with cellar drainers in buildings used or occupied as private dwelling houses, but the Water Board is hereby authorized to