

THE PARISHES WATER SUPPLY ACT

BY-LAWS
(under section 32)

THE PARISHES WATER SUPPLY (ST. CATHERINE) BY-LAWS, 1974

(Made by the Parish Council and approved by the Minister on the
14th day of March, 1974)

L.N. 105c/74

[1st April, 1974.]

1. These By-Laws may be cited as the Parishes Water Supply (St. Catherine) By-Laws, 1974.

2. In these By-Laws "meter" means any instrument, apparatus or device for measuring the quantity of water supplied by the Parish Council to any consumer.

3. Every person in possession of property within the parish who receives any water supply or service from the Parish Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) shall pay to the Council in every month at the head office of the Council at Spanish Town, or at such other places as the Council may from time to time specify, the rates and charges specified in the Parishes Water Supply (St. Catherine) (Rates and Charges) Order, 1974:

Provided that any person who has entered into a special contract with the Council shall pay in accordance with the terms of that contract.

4. Without prejudice to any other method of enforcement, where a consumer—

(a) is in arrears with his payment; or

(b) neglects or fails to make such payments,

for a period not less than one month, the Council may discontinue the supply of water to such consumer: and the supply shall not be returned until all such arrears, together with any further charges or fees which may properly have accrued or become payable, have been paid:

Provided that the discontinuance of the supply shall not prevent the accrual of any further proper monthly charges or fees.

5. The Council may from time to time install a meter in connection with, and within, any premises in the parish, and the rates and charges to be paid by the consumer shall be regulated according to the quantity of water registered by and the size, of the meter.

6.—(1) Where a meter is found to be defective, the limits of inaccuracy and the estimation of consumption shall be regulated as follows—

- (a) where the quality of water registered by a meter at normal flow is not more than 5% above or below the actual quantity passed, the meter shall be deemed to be accurate;
- (b) where the meter ceases to register or is proved to register inaccurately the quantity of water passing through it, the Council may make a fair and reasonable estimate of the quantity of water supplied; and such estimate shall be based upon—
 - (i) the registration of a substituted meter; or
 - (ii) the average registration during the previous three months; or
 - (iii) the average registration during the corresponding three months of the previous year,

whichever basis is considered equitable by the Council, having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

(2) Where a consumer requests the removal and testing of a meter, the consumer shall pay in advance to the Council the cost of removing, carting and testing the meter in accordance with the following scale of charges, namely—

where the diameter of the inlet or outlet of the meter does not exceed half an inch	\$1.00
exceeding half an inch and not exceeding one inch ...	\$1.50
exceeding one inch and not exceeding one and one-half inches	\$2.00
exceeding one and one-half inches—such higher charge as the Council may deem reasonable.	

(3) Where the meter is found to be inaccurate (by registering on test at normal flows more than 5% above or below the correct registration) the charge shall be refunded by the Council to the consumer, and his account for water rates shall be adjusted in accordance with the percentage of error.