

## Chapter 82

### WATER\*

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\* **Charter References:** Water department, § 8-10.

**Cross References:** Swimming and bathing prohibited in sources of water supply, § 40-53; subdivisions, ch. 72.

**State Law References:** Pollution of water, G.L. 1956, § 46-12-1 et seq.; public drinking water supply, G.L. 1956, § 46-13-1 et seq.; contamination of drinking water, G.L. 1956, § 46-14-1 et seq.; an act to furnish the City of Providence with a supply of pure water, P.L. 1915, ch. 1278, §§ 1--18, as amended by P.L. 1931, ch. 1815; P.L. 1932, ch. 1966; P.L. 1936, ch. 2316; P.L. 1947, ch. 1897; P.L. 1963, ch. 158; P.L. 1964, ch. 91; P.L. 1966, ch. 5; P.L. 1967, ch. 162; authority of city to acquire and maintain waterworks and water facilities in Town of West Warwick, P.L. 1966, ch. 34; water supply board, P.L. 1926, ch. 917; water supply board and water supply, P.L. 1927, ch. 1121; authority to create joint water authority, P.L. 1945, ch. 1569; Kent County Water Authority, P.L. 1945, ch. 1740; powers of board of water commissioners relative to installation of water mains, P.L. 1957, ch. 159.

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#### **Sec. 82-1. Obstruction or diversion of watercourse.**

Every person owning, controlling or in possession of lands in the city through which or through part of which a stream, ditch, gully, creek, brook or any natural drain runs shall keep the bed of same free from obstructions. No person shall in any way unlawfully obstruct any of said watercourses in the city, nor shall any person divert the same so as to flood, undermine, cause damage to, or interfere with the use of any public highway or other public lands.

(Code 1971, § 24-2)

#### **Sec. 82-2. Connections with city water supply.**

No person, partnership, association or corporation shall make any physical connection, structural arrangement, bypass arrangement, jumper connection, spool piece, swivel or changeover device, or any other temporary or permanent device with any part of the transmission and distribution system of the city water supply unless said connection or arrangement is approved in advance by the director of the water department.

(Code 1971, § 24-3)

#### **Sec. 82-3. Penalty.**

Any person, partnership, association or corporation violating the provisions of section 82-2 or any other provision of the rules and regulations of the water department shall be punishable as provided in section 1-4, and each day that such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

(Code 1971, § 24-4)

#### **Sec. 82-4. Sewer authority and water department billing and payments.**

All customers of the Warwick Sewer Authority and Warwick Water Department shall be allowed to pay the yearly sewer and water bills on a quarterly basis with payment due dates for each customer to be determined

by the Warwick Sewer Authority and the Warwick Water Department. Quarterly payments will be implemented when there is an operational MIS system established capable of producing quarterly billing.  
(Ord. No. O-99-15, § I, 3-15-99)