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## CHAPTER 175

#### **INSPECTION OF METERS**

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#### § 2401. Meters inspected and sealed

No corporation, municipality, district or person shall furnish for use any gas, electric or water meter in any city or town in which there shall be a duly appointed and qualified inspector of meters, unless such meter shall have been first inspected, approved, marked and sealed by such inspector. Every corporation, municipality, district or person furnishing gas, water or electric current to consumers shall provide and keep in and upon its premises a suitable and proper apparatus, to be approved and stamped by the inspector of meters for such city or town, for testing and proving the accuracy of all water, gas and electric meters, by which apparatus every meter furnished to a consumer shall be tested.

R.S.1954, c. 50, § 29.

#### § 2402. Appointment of inspectors

The municipal officers of cities and towns may annually appoint an inspector of meters, who shall serve for one year or until another is qualified in his stead, at such salary as the municipal officers shall determine. The said inspector shall have charge of the inspection of all water, gas and electric meters furnished for use in the city or town.

R.S.1954, c. 50, § 30.

#### § 2403. Duties of inspectors

The inspector of meters shall, upon application in writing as provided in section 2404 by any consumer of gas, water or electric current in said city or town, inspect, examine, prove and ascertain the accuracy of any gas, water or electric meter of which complaint is made, and when the said meter shall be found or made to be correct, the inspector shall stamp or mark such meter with some suitable device, which device shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the city or town where he was appointed.

R.S.1954, c. 50, § 31.

## § 2404. Application for inspection; removal of faulty meter; expense of inspection

If any consumer to whom a meter has been furnished shall apply in writing to the city or town clerk for the inspection of such meter, and shall deposit with the clerk the fee fixed by the municipal officers for said service, the inspector shall inspect and test said meter and, if said meter on being so tested, shall be found to be incorrect to the extent of 4% if an electric meter or 2% if a gas or water meter, to the prejudice of such consumer, the inspector shall order the corporation, district, municipality or person furnishing said meter forthwith to remove the same and to install in place thereof a meter which has been tested, approved, marked and sealed by an inspector of meters. The inspector shall thereupon give a certificate to the consumer, showing the result of said test. Upon presenting said certificate to the city or town clerk, the consumer shall receive the fee deposited with said clerk. In such case the corporation, district, municipality or person shall bear the expense of such inspection and shall pay to the treasurer of the city or town the fee required of the consumer, but such consumer shall not be entitled to recover back in whole or in part from such corporation, municipality, district or person any sums paid for service prior to the filing of his application for inspection. All fees collected by the city or town clerk or treasurer shall be placed to the credit of the city or town to be used for municipal purposes.

R.S.1954, c. 50, § 32.