

Tax assessments for sewers.

SEC. 3. The city council shall have power to provide by ordinance a complete system for the assessment, levy, and collection of all city taxes. All taxes assessed together with any percentage imposed for delinquency and the cost of collection, shall constitute liens on the property assessed from and after the first day of November each year: which liens may be enforced by a summary sale of such property, and the execution and delivery of all necessary certificates and deeds therefor, under such regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance or by action in any court of competent jurisdiction to foreclose such liens: *Provided*, That any property sold for taxes shall be subject to redemption within the time and within the manner provided or that may hereafter be provided by law for the redemption of property sold for state and county taxes.

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CHAPTER LXX.

[S. B. No. 79.]

PROVIDING FOR PURE WATER SUPPLY.

AN ACT to preserve from pollution the water supplied to the inhabitants of cities and towns in the State of Washington; to declare what are nuisances in the vicinity of the source of such water supply; providing for the abatement thereof, and for the punishment of the violations of this act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Municipal jurisdiction extended.

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of protecting the water furnished to the inhabitants of towns and cities within this state from pollution the said towns and cities are hereby given jurisdiction over all property occupied by the works, reservoirs, systems, springs, branches, and pipes, by means of which and of all

sources of supply from which such cities or the companies or individuals furnishing water to the inhabitants of such cities or towns obtain their supply of water, or store or conduct the same.

SEC. 2. That the establishment or maintenance of any slaughter pen, stock feeding yards, hog pens, or the deposit or maintenance of any uncleanly or unwholesome substance, or the conduct of any business or occupation, or the allowing of any condition upon or sufficiently near the sources from which the supply of water for the inhabitants of any such city or town is obtained, or where such water is stored, or the property or means through which the same may be conveyed or conducted so that such water would be polluted or the purity of such water or any part thereof destroyed or endangered, is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful, and is hereby declared to be and constitute a nuisance, and as such to be abated as other nuisances are abated under the provisions of the existing laws of the State of Washington, or under the laws which may be hereafter enacted in relation to the abatement thereof; and that any person or persons who shall do, establish, maintain, or create any of the things hereby prohibited for the purpose of or which shall have the effect of polluting any such sources of water supply, or water, or shall do any of the things hereby declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of creating and maintaining a nuisance, and may be prosecuted therefor, and upon conviction thereof may be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Certain things prohibited in vicinity of water supply.

Method of procedure to remove.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. If upon the trial of any person or persons for the violation of any of the provisions of this act such person or persons shall be found guilty of creating or maintaining a nuisance as hereby defined or of violating any of the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of such person or persons to forthwith abate such nuisance, and in the event of their failure so to do within one day after such conviction, unless further time be granted by the court, a warrant shall be issued by the court wherein such conviction was obtained,

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directed to the sheriff of the county in which such nuisance exists, and the sheriff shall forthwith proceed to abate the said nuisance and the cost thereof shall be taxed against the party so convicted as a part of the costs of such case.

Duty of certain city officers.

SEC. 4. It is hereby made the duty of the city health officer, city physician, board of public health, mayor of the city or such other officer as may have the sanitary condition of such city or town in charge, to see that the provisions of this act are enforced and upon complaint being made to any such officer to immediately investigate the said complaint and if the same shall appear to be well founded it shall be and is hereby declared to be the duty of such officer to proceed and file a complaint against the person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act and cause the arrest and prosecution of such person or persons.

Injunction proceedings.

SEC. 5. That any city supplied with water from any source of supply as hereinbefore mentioned, or any corporation owning water works for the purpose of supplying any city or the inhabitants thereof with water in the event that any of the provisions of this act are being violated by any person, may, by civil action in the superior court of the proper county, have the maintenance of the nuisance which pollutes or tends to pollute the said water, as provided for by section 2 of this act, enjoined, and such injunction may be perpetual.

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