

amount so apportioned for each municipality shall prior to December thirty-first in each year be certified by the district commission to the assessors of each municipality in the district. The assessors of each municipality shall without further vote include each amount so certified in those amounts to be annually raised by taxes under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws. The respective city or town treasurers shall pay the amount so certified to the treasurer of the district in four substantially equal payments, to be made on or before the first day of March, June, September and December.

A city or town in the district may raise all or a portion of the amounts certified annually by the district to the assessors of such cities and towns as provided in the preceding paragraph, through equitable and proportional charges against inhabitants, corporations and other users for the services rendered by the district in each city or town. For the purpose of establishing an equitable and proportional schedule or reasonable charges, the property benefited by the services of the district may be classified taking into consideration the volume of water, including surface or drain waters, the character of the sewerage or industrial or other wastes, and the nature of the use made of the sewerage system, including the facilities. The charges may include standby charges to property not connected but for which the district's facilities have been made available.

The schedule thus established may be modified in accordance with the plan and as may be necessary to raise the amounts required by the district. The failure of such user charges to raise the amounts required by the district in any year shall not relieve any city or town from its obligation to provide the amounts assessed by the district hereunder.

SECTION 10. The executive director of the district or his authorized representatives may enter at reasonable times any property, public or private, for the purpose of investigation or inspection of any condition relating to pollution or the possible pollution of any waters and may make such tests as may be necessary to determine sources of pollution.

Said director or such authorized representatives may examine any records or papers pertaining to the operation of a disposal system or treatment works. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize access to any confidential information relative to secret processes or to economies of operation.

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Chap. 751. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MILK PRODUCERS SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE OF THE FAILURE OF MILK DEALERS TO PAY FOR THEIR MILK WHEN PAYMENT IS DUE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 42C of said chapter 94, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 338 of the acts of 1933, is hereby amended by inserting before the first sentence the following sentence: — Each producer shall notify the commissioner in writing of any default in the timely payment for milk on the part of a licensee, such notification to be made within ninety days after the date on which payment for milk is regularly due under the

provisions of chapter ninety-four A, or of orders, rules or regulations issued under authority thereof, or of a federal milk marketing order effective in the commonwealth.

Approved July 24, 1968.

Chap. 752. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UPPER BLACKSTONE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Worcester, by vote of its city council, the towns of Auburn, Boylston, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Paxton, Rutland, Shrewsbury and West Boylston by vote in a town meeting and all of the sewer districts representing a portion of any of the above towns, may, subject to conditions hereinafter enumerated, create a water pollution abatement district which shall be a body corporate and be known as the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District, hereinafter called the district. There shall be no limit of time upon the date of acceptance of the provisions of this act. The metropolitan district commission may act as a sewer district under the provisions of this act, accept its provisions and become a participating member of the district.

After the initial organization of the board as set out in section two, additional eligible members shall require a majority vote of the board in order to become participating members.

SECTION 2. The district shall be under the management and control of a board which is hereby created and shall be known as the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement Board, hereinafter called the Board.

The Board shall consist of one resident from and representing each town and each sewer district comprising a part of a town or towns that has voted to accept the provisions of this act and is a member of the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District. The city of Worcester shall have a number of members on the Board that is equal at all times to the total number of members representing member towns and member sewer districts plus one additional member. Official actions shall require a positive vote of at least a majority of the Board.

The members of the Board from the city of Worcester shall be appointed by the city manager. The members of the Board from the towns shall be appointed by the board of sewer commissioners, if such has been duly elected or appointed; the board of selectmen or the town manager in those communities with a town manager form of government, in accordance with each community's applicable provisions of law. The members of the Board from a sewer district representing a portion of a town or towns shall be named by the sewer commissioners from that district. Members appointed to the Board must be residents of the area which they represent and may be municipal employees. Members from the towns and sewer districts may be members of the local boards of sewer commissioners.

Members of the Board shall be appointed by the legal appointing authorities for terms of three years with the following exceptions: The first two members appointed from the city of Worcester shall be