

Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Water Supply) Rules, 2004

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CHAPTER 1

1. **Title and commencement:** (1) These rules shall be called the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Water Supply) Rules, 2004.
(2) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment for the time being in force, the rules shall take precedence in the subject matter governed by them.
2. **Definitions:** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
(a) “Act” means the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 14 of 1977).
(b) “Corporation” means a corporation established under the Act

The capitalized terms not defined in these rules, but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER II

Construction and operating of water works through private parties

3. **Operator or Operator Consultant to discharge certain functions of the Corporate under the Act:** - The Corporation may on contractual terms agreed with the Operator or Operator consultant, allow an Operator or Operator Consultant to participate in the management, operation and maintenance of all municipal water works and the construction or acquisition of new works necessary for a sufficient supply of water for public and private purpose in the City or any specified part thereof.
4. **Functions of the Operator or Operator Consultant:** - (1) To facilitate participation of Operator or Operator Consultant and to implement the decisions of the Corporation, the Corporation may allow the Operator or Operator Consultant to perform any or all of the following functions in the City or any specified part thereof on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the Corporation and the Operator or Operator Consultant in terms of section 182 of the Act:
 - (a) Construction, laying or erection of filtration plants, reservoirs, machinery, conducts, pipes or other works for supply of water and the provision of tanks, reservoirs, machinery mains, fountains and other conveniences for the use of the inhabitants with the sanction of the Government;
 - (b) Implementation and management of water works, the maintenance, closure, and substitution of existing water works and supply of water;

- (c) Maintenance and usage of underground and above ground assets of the Corporation, and procurement of goods and supplies necessary to discharge the functions assigned to the Operator Consultant;
- (d) Procurement of goods and supplies necessary to discharge the functions assigned to the Operator Consultant;
- (e) Management of house water supply connections within or without the premises to which they belong, with the water supply main;
- (f) Billing and invoicing of water supplies to the customers at such rates, times and under such conditions as may be specified by the bye laws; and billing and invoicing of expenses incurred in alteration, repair and maintenance of house water supply connections in proper order;
- (g) Supply of water to the Government or any other local authority on such terms as to payment, period and conditions of supply as determined by the Corporation;
- (h) Supply of wholesome drinking water within the City, or any specified part thereof, and erection of sufficient stand posts, fountains and other such conveniences for such supply;
- (i) Laying of mains in any area vested in the Government, the Corporation or any other 'local authority' and laying of mains in over or any land not forming part of a street and inspection, repair, alteration or renewal of any mains so laid.
- (j) Laying of service pipes in any street or land with such stopcocks and other water fittings as may be deemed necessary by the Corporation for supply of water to the premises and inspection, repair, alteration, renewal or removal of any service pipe laid in such street or land as may be directed by the Corporation;
- (k) Laying of communication pipes and requiring the owner of premises to provide service pipes for each of the premises supplied or to be supplied with water as contemplated in the Act; execution of work in the event of failure of the owner to execute the work required to be him, and provision of details to the Corporation of expenses incurred in executing the work;
- (l) Installation of stopcocks on every service pipe in accordance with the requirements under the Act;
- (m) Provision and attachment of water meters to the service pipes in the premises connected with the Corporation water works and billing to the owner, on behalf of the Corporation, all expenses incurred in attaching the meters;
- (n) Installation and maintenance of conduits and lines of mains or pipes over, under, along or across any immoveable property, entering into properties, while causing no damage or inconvenience or as little damage or inconvenience possible to the owner, and examination, repair, alteration and removal of conduits and lines of mains and pipes;
- (o) Execution of works through licensed plumbers in accordance with provisions of the Act and dismantling of works connected with water supply carried on through any person other than a licensed plumber;
- (p) Discontinuation of supply, sale and use of water for business purposes pursuant to directions of the Corporation;
- (q) Implementation of environmental safeguards and measures as decided by the Corporation;
- (r) Installation of necessary equipment to water supply; and

(s) Performance of any and all miscellaneous and ancillary functions concerning water supply in the City or any part thereof, as may be permitted, directed or requested by the Corporation.

(2) To further facilitate participation of the Operator or Operator Consultant, the Corporation may allow the Operator or Operator Consultant to perform any or all of the following functions in the City or any specified part thereof on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the Corporation and the Operator or Operator Consultant in terms of Section 182 of the Act, subject to specific permissions, directions and authorizations of the Commissioner as required under the Act:

- (a) Entering lands vested in the Corporation along which a conduit or pipe runs or on any premises connected with the water supply, with requisite permission of the Commissioner;
- (b) Erection of walls or other structures over any Corporation water main, with the authorization of the Commissioner;
- (c) Supply of water for domestic consumption and use, subject to authorization and directions by the Commissioner;
- (d) Supply of water for non-domestic consumption and use, subject to authorization and directions by the Commissioner with the sanction of the standing committee;
- (e) Fixing and maintenance of hydrants on water mains at such places as may be most convenient for affording a supply of water for extinguishing any fire which may break out display of letters, marks or figures prominently on some wall, building or other structure near such hydrant and deposit key of such hydrant as directed by the Commissioner;
- (f) Closure of public hydrant or other convenience as may be directed by the Commissioner;
- (g) Connection of any premises to the water supply for domestic purpose as per the directions of the Commissioner;
- (h) Examination of misuse or wastage of water supplied to any premises pursuant to entering into such premises subject to authorization by the Commissioner, and testing of water fittings;
- (i) Disconnection of any premises from water supply as per the directions of the Commissioner; and
- (j) Performance of any and all miscellaneous and ancillary functions concerning water supply in the City or any part thereof as may be permitted, directed or authorized by the Commissioner.

By order and the in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka

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