

CHAPTER 8-6 MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM

8-6-1 ELECTRIC SYSTEM SUPERINTENDENT

There shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council, a competent person who shall be Superintendent of Howard Municipal Electric Light Plant, who shall give a bond of the City in the sum of \$1,000.00, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such Superintendent, and who shall hold his office for a term not to exceed one year at a time, as the City Council shall agree upon, provided that he shall act until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Authority: SDCL Ch. 9-14

8-6-2 DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

It shall be the duty of said Superintendent to:

1. The Electrical Superintendent shall have charge of the Municipal Light Plant and the erection and maintenance of all lines, wires, poles and other equipment in connection therewith. He is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to regulate and determine the placing of electric wires, telephone wires, telegraph wires or wires carrying electric current, in or upon poles or conduits and in and on buildings so as to prevent fires, accidents or injuries to persons or property, and to see that the same are so constructed as not to endanger life or property.
2. Whenever, in the judgment of the Electrical Superintendent, any electric wire or appliance is defective, he shall at once notify the owner or person having charge of such defective or improper wire or appliance of its condition, and if the same is not immediately removed or remedied, then it shall be the duty of the Electrical Superintendent to at once cause the removal of such defect.
3. He shall have the power and authority to designate where any public or private wires may be placed on poles, towers, or subways, and the right and authority to designate the kind and quality of wire and material to be used and the manner of installation and construction.
4. He shall disconnect overdue electrical accounts upon receiving disconnect work order from the City Finance Officer.

8-6-3 DEFECTIVE SERVICES AND DAMAGES

All claims for defective service must be filed with the Finance Officer within sixty (60) days of the day of such defective service. Any claims not filed by such time shall be taken and construed as waived by the claimant.

Authority: SDCL 9-39-1, 23

8-6-4 ACCESS TO PREMISES FOR INSPECTION

Any persons connected with the management or control of the electric light plant of said city shall have free access to all premises in which light or power is furnished, at all reasonable hours to examine all wiring, fixtures and appliances and to read meters.

Authority: SDCL 9-39-1

8-6-5 CHAPTER PART OF CONTRACT

The rules, regulations and rates herein contained or that hereafter be established shall be construed as part of the contract with every person who is supplied with light or power from the City, shall be construed by his so taking to be bound by such rules, regulations and rates as a part of his contract with the City.

Authority: SDCL 9-39-1

8-6-6 PENALTIES

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully destroy or remove, cut or mutilate or in any manner injure or deface or tamper with any of the poles or lamps or wires or wiring or machinery or appliances belonging to or used in connection with said Electric Light System of this City, and any person violating any of the above provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$100.00 (One hundred dollars).

Authority: SDCL 9-29-2, 9-30-2