

**WATERWORKS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 113 of 1869**

**486.306 Corporate powers.**

Sec. 6. Any corporation formed under this act shall have power to introduce water into any town, city or village in the state named in their articles of incorporation, and where the said corporation is located, for public or private buildings or for other purposes; and for that purpose they are authorized and empowered to acquire and hold real estate in such town, city or village, or contiguous thereto, if necessary, and to erect and maintain all necessary and convenient buildings, fixtures, machinery, and other appurtenances, incident or necessary, and to lay water pipes in and through the streets, avenues, lanes, alleys or squares of said city, town or village, with the consent of the municipal authorities of the city, town or village, under such reasonable regulations as they may prescribe; and to make all ordinances and by-laws necessary and proper to carry into effect the foregoing powers; said corporation by their directors, agents, servants, or other persons employed, may enter upon the lands of any person or persons which may be necessary for said purposes, and may take the water from any springs, ponds, rivers, fountains or streams and divert and conduct the same to said city, and may lay and construct any pipes, conduits, aqueducts, wells, reservoirs or other works or machinery necessary or proper, and authorized for said purposes, upon any lands or property entered upon, purchased, taken or held. Said corporation may, as aforesaid, enter upon any lands, streets, highways, lanes, alleys, public squares through which they deem it proper to carry water from said springs, ponds, rivers, fountains, streams, and reservoirs, and lay and construct any pipes, conduits, aqueducts and other works for said purposes, leaving said lands, streets, highways, lanes or public squares in the same condition, as nearly as may be, as they were before said entry; but the said company shall not, within the bounds of such city, town or village, lay and construct said pipes, conduits, aqueducts and other works through any private garden, courtyard or building-lot, without the written consent of the owner thereof.

**History:** 1869, Act 113, Imd. Eff. Apr. 3, 1869;—CL 1871, 3360;—How. 3115;—CL 1897, 8505;—CL 1915, 11287;—CL 1929, 11880;—CL 1948, 486.306.