

CITY OF AVOCA

TITLE II: OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND PERSONNEL **CHAPTER 14: WATER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

14.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the operation of the municipally owned water utility by a board of trustees.

14.02 BOARD ESTABLISHED. Pursuant to an election held in November, 1941, the management and control of the municipally owned Water Utility were placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.2)

14.03 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES. The Mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Council, three (3) persons to serve as trustees for staggered six (6) year terms. No public officer or salaried employee of the City may serve on the utility board.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.3)

14.04 COMPENSATION. The Council shall by resolution set the compensation of Board members.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.3)

14.05 VACANCIES. An appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall be made in the same manner as an original appointment except that such appointment shall be for the balance of the unexpired term.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.3)

14.06 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The Board of Trustees may exercise all powers of the City in relation to the City Utility, with the following exceptions:

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.4)

1. Taxes, Ordinances and Bonds. The Board may not certify taxes to be levied, pass ordinances or amendments, or issue general obligation or special assessment bonds.
2. Property. Title to all property must be in the name of the City but the Board has full control of such property subject to limitations imposed by law.
3. Reports to Council. The Board shall make a detailed annual report to the Council including a complete financial statement.

4. Proceedings Published. Immediately following a regular or special meeting, the Board Secretary shall prepare and cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City a condensed statement of proceedings including a list of all claims.

14.07 CONTROL OF FUNDS. The Board shall control tax revenues allocated to it as well as all moneys derived from operations.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.5)

14.08 ACCOUNTING. Utility moneys are held in a separate utility fund.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.5)

14.09 DISCRIMINATORY RATES ILLEGAL. The utility may not provide use or service at a discriminatory rate, except to the City or its agencies, as provided in Section 384.91, Code of Iowa.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.6)

14.10 DISCONTINUANCE OF BOARD. A proposal, on motion of the Council or upon receipt of a valid petition, to discontinue the utility board is subject to the approval of the voters of the City, except that the Board may be discontinued by resolution of the Council when the utility it administers is disposed of or leased for a period of over five (5) years.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 388.2)