

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

CHAPTER 11

SPECIAL SERVICES

ARTICLE 1. WATER WORKS**Section 11-101. General Authority.**

The City may construct, rehabilitate, reconstruct, purchase or otherwise acquire, keep, maintain, improve, alter and change water works and all infrastructure ~~plants and facilities~~ found appropriate by the Council for furnishing water to the City, its property, its inhabitants, and the places and people along or in the vicinity of the pipes, conduits or aqueducts constructed or used for that purpose. The City may acquire by purchase or otherwise, own and possess real and personal property or interests therein, within and without the limits of the City, which the Council finds necessary or convenient. The Council may establish and maintain headworks and supply sources, with all convenient reservoirs, tanks, pumps, supply systems, distribution and related facilities, including land and interests in land; may permit or prohibit incidental use by the general public of such lands outside of the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area; may maintain such lands when used for incidental purposes; may enter into mutual aid agreements with other government entities, tribes and utilities; and may acquire other water systems serving property within present or future boundaries of the City. The Council may make all necessary expenditures to carry out these purposes and may enter into contracts for supply of water by the City or supply of water to the City or its inhabitants. Any surplus water may be sold to persons, public or private, outside the City, on terms and conditions the Council finds appropriate. [New sec. Nov. 8, 1966; am. Dec.4, 2019.]