

An Act-entitled
An Ordinance
Concerning Ditches.

Be it-ordained by the Board
of Trustees of the Town of Grand
Junction

Sec 1st It is hereby made lawful to con-
-struct a ditch along any alley
for the purpose of conducting water
to be used for the purpose of
irrigation and household uses.

Sec 2nd If it is difficult to conduct water
for the purposes aforesaid upon any
lot or parcel of land by means
of a ditch running along a street
or alley, as provided in Section one
of this chapter, then in that case
the Board of Trustees upon the
application of any person, may
in their discretion give permission
in writing for the construction of
a ditch or ditches running otherwise
as above described.

Sec 3rd Any person making a ditch across
the sidewalk for the purpose of
-running water upon any lot-
or parcel of land shall bridge
the said ditch for the full
width of the sidewalk.

Sec 4th If any person shall construct
a ditch running otherwise than

prescribed in Section one of this Ordinance without first having obtained written permission from the Board of Trustees as provided. Such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

Sec 5th If any person willfully obstruct any ditch made in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance or willfully divert water from the same such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

Sec 6th Any person or persons who shall hereafter move alter or in any manner displace any flood or other gate which is in or upon any of the irrigating canals or ditches of this Town which are under the supervision or direction of the Street Commissioner without having first obtained permission from the Street Commissioner to so alter or move any such gate shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum of not less than three nor more than twenty five dollars for each offense.

Sec 7th All persons living within the limits of the Town shall keep

the ditches in front and rear of their respective premises Clean and free from filth and dirt and shall not pour or wash into such ditches any slaps or filthy or offensive matter of any description whatever; any person violating the provisions of this section shall forfeit and pay to the city not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offense

Sec 8th No person shall take water from any irrigating ditch within the down limits in greater quantities or for a longer period than may be necessary for his immediate use, and no person shall place in said ditches an obstruction of any kind in such manner as to cause the water to overflow the bank thereof and flood the streets or sidewalks.

Sec 9th Any person who shall willfully negligently violate the provisions of the foregoing section or who shall knowingly disobey any lawful notice or order of the Street Commissioner or his deputy concerning the ditches or the water therein shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offense

Sec 10th for the purpose of better carrying out the foregoing provisions of this chapter

the Street Commissioner shall under instruction of the Board of Trustees have full and entire control of said ditches and the distribution of the water therein; and they are hereby clothed with power to arrest any and all persons who shall disobey their instructions concerning said ditches or the water therein or who may be violating the provisions of this Chapter and take them before the Police Magistrate and make complaint in the same manner as the Town Marshal or other police officers are or may be authorized to do for the violation of Town ordinances.

Sec 11th If the Street Commissioner shall be guilty of parsimony or favoritism in the distribution of the water or shall be guilty of the abuse of his powers herein given in the discharge of his duties he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

Approved Sept 27th 1882

Charles S. Shanks
Mayor

P. H. Westerland,
Clerk and Recorder