

§ 362. Leases of bathhouses and sites; supply of water

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and empowered to execute leases to the bathhouses and bathhouse sites in the Hot Springs National Park for periods not exceeding twenty years, and at an annual rental of not less than \$30 per tub for each tub used in any bathhouse. Said annual rental shall be payable quarterly in advance, at the office of the Government superintendent of said property, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The same rate for water rent shall be charged for the water to all parties receiving the same, whether in or outside said park. After the Army and Navy hospital bathhouse, the public bathhouse, the bathhouses which are authorized in the said park, the Arlington Hotel, and the bathhouses outside said park authorized on or before March 3, 1891, to be supplied with hot water, in the order herein named, if there shall still be a surplus of hot water the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, cause hot water to be furnished to bathhouses, hotels, and families outside the said park. Such bathhouses, hotels, and families shall cause all connections for obtaining such hot water to be made at their own expense. All water furnished to any hotel or family for other use than bathing shall be paid for at such reasonable price, as shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary of the Interior shall at the expiration of each period of five years during the continuance of each lease readjust the terms and amounts of payment provided for therein as may be just, but not less than the minimum herein provided.

(Mar. 3, 1891, ch. 533, §1, 26 Stat. 842; Mar. 4, 1921, ch. 161, §1, 41 Stat. 1407.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Hot Springs National Park” substituted in text for “Hot Springs Reservation” pursuant to act Mar. 4, 1921.

ARLINGTON HOTEL SITE

Section 2 of act Mar. 3, 1891, authorized the leasing of the Arlington Hotel site for a term which has expired. Provision for leasing this property was made by act Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 355, §1, 37 Stat. 459.

Act Feb. 14, 1931, ch. 180, 46 Stat. 1109, incorporated in section 370a of this title, provided that upon the expiration on Mar. 6, 1932, of the existing lease of the Arlington Hotel Company, the property or site should be kept, retained and maintained by the United States for park and landscaping purposes, and that no new lease shall be granted for the erection of another hotel, bathhouse or other structure thereon.

LEASES PURSUANT TO 1878 ACT

For prior provisions relating to leases of ground, bathhouses, etc., made by act Dec. 16, 1878, ch. 5, 20 Stat. 258, see Codification notes set out under section 361 of this title.

§ 363. Rules and regulations

Full power is vested in the Secretary of the Interior to provide, in all leases to be executed against any combination among lessees or their assigns, as to ownership, prices, or accommodations at any bathhouse; as well as to make all needful rules and regulations as to the use of the hot water, and to prevent its waste, including full power to authorize the superintendent of

said park to make examination and inspection at any time of the manner of using the hot water at any bathtub, that it may be used in proper quantity only, and to prevent its waste; and also full power to provide and fix reasonable maximum charges for all baths, or bathing privileges, or services of any person connected with any bathhouse furnished to bathers; and for reasonable maximum charges to guests at the Arlington Hotel; and also, generally, the Secretary of the Interior may make all necessary rules and regulations as to said bathhouses and the service therein as shall be deemed best for the public interest, and to provide penalties for the violation of any regulation which may be enforced as though provided by Act of Congress. All leases and grants of hot-water privileges shall be held to be subject to all regulations in force on March 3, 1891, or which may be adopted by the Secretary of the Interior, and for any violation of any regulation, known to the proprietor at the time of the offense, the lease or grant may be canceled by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be expressly provided in all leases and grants of privilege for hot water that the bathhouse for which provision is made shall not be owned or controlled by any person, company, or corporation which may be the owner of or interested (as stockholder or otherwise) in any other bathhouse on or near the Hot Springs National Park; that neither the hot-water privilege granted nor any interest therein, nor the right to operate or control said bathhouse, shall be assigned or transferred by the party of the second part without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior first obtained, in writing; and if the ownership or control of said bathhouse be transferred to any person, company, or corporation owning or interested in any other bathhouse on or near said reservation, the Secretary of the Interior may, for that cause, deprive the bathhouse provided for of the hot water and cancel the lease or agreement. All buildings to be erected in the Hot Springs National Park shall be on plans first approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and shall be required to be fireproof, as nearly as practicable.

(Mar. 3, 1891, ch. 533, §3, 26 Stat. 843; Mar. 4, 1921, ch. 161, §1, 41 Stat. 1407.)

CODIFICATION

A clause at the beginning of this section as originally enacted, retaining and continuing in the Secretary of the Interior all power then possessed by him for the regulating of leases of bath houses, bathhouse privileges, or hotel rights on the reservation, or supplying hot water to places off the reservation was omitted for purposes of codification.

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§ 364. Investigation of applicant for lease or contract

The Secretary of the Interior, before executing any lease to bathhouses or bathhouse sites in the park or contracts for the use of hot water for bathhouses outside said park, may make due investigation to ascertain whether the person, persons, or corporation applying for such lease