

CHAPTER 654.

An act granting certain lands and salt marsh and tide lands of the State of California, including the right to wharf out therefrom to the city of Oakland, and regulating the management, use and control thereof.

[Approved May 1, 1911.]

The people of the State of California, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Marsh and
tide lands
granted to
Oakland.

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to the city of Oakland, a municipal corporation of the State of California, and to its successors, all the right, title and interest of the State of California held by said state by virtue of its sovereignty in and to all the salt marsh and tide lands in the present city of Oakland, lying and being southerly from the southern line of East Fourteenth street in said city of Oakland, and easterly from the eastern limits of the former town of Oakland (as said easterly limits of said town are described in the act of the legislature of the State of California, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Oakland and to provide for the construction of wharves thereat," approved May 4, 1852, and as said eastern limits of said town are determined and defined by the supreme court of the State of California, in the action entitled "City of Oakland versus Oakland Water Front Company," decided by said court September 13, 1897), and the right to wharf out therefrom, to be forever held by said city and by its successors in trust for the uses and purposes and upon the expressed conditions following, to wit:

Purposes
for which
lands may
be used.

That said lands shall be used by said city and its successors, only for the establishment, improvement and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, maintenance and operation thereon of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays and other utilities, structures and appliances necessary or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation, and said city, or its successors, shall not, at any time, grant, convey, give or alien said lands, or any part thereof, to any individual, firm or corporation for any purposes whatever; *provided*, that said city, or its successors, may grant franchises thereon, for limited periods, for wharves and other public uses and purposes, and may lease said lands, or any part thereof, for limited periods, for purposes consistent with the trusts upon which said lands are held by the State of California, and with the requirements of commerce or navigation at

said harbor, for a term not exceeding twenty-five years, and on such other terms and conditions as said city may determine, including a right to renew such lease or leases for a further term not exceeding twenty-five years or to terminate the same on such terms, reservations and conditions as may be stipulated in such lease or leases, and said lease or leases may be for any and all purposes which shall not interfere with navigation or commerce, with reversion to the said city on the termination of such lease or leases of any and all improvements thereon, and on such other terms and conditions as the said city may determine, but for no purpose which will interfere with navigation or commerce; subject also to a reservation in all such leases or such wharfing out privileges of a street, or of such other reservation as the said city may determine for a belt line railroad where the same may be deemed necessary by the said city; and such other reservations as the city may require, and for sewer outlets, and for gas and oil mains, and for hydrants, and for electric cables and wires, and for such other conduits for municipal purposes, and for such public and municipal purposes and uses as may be deemed necessary by the said city; *provided, however*, that each person, firm or corporation or their heirs, successors or assigns now in possession of land or lands abutting on said lands, within the boundaries of the city of Oakland, lying and being southerly from the southern line of East Fourteenth street in said city of Oakland and easterly from the eastern limits of the former town of Oakland as hereinbefore firstly described, and lying and being westerly from the easterly boundary line of the city of Oakland as it existed in A. D. 1908, shall have a right to obtain a lease for a term of twenty-five years from said city of said land and wharfing out privileges therefrom with a right of renewal for a further term of twenty-five years pursuant to the provisions of this act and on such terms and conditions as said city may determine and specify, subject to the right of said city to terminate said lease at the end of the first twenty-five years or refuse to renew the same, or to terminate the lease so renewed during the term of such renewed lease on such just and reasonable terms for compensation for improvements at the then value of said improvements as said city may determine and specify. Upon obtaining such lease and wharfing out privileges such person, firm or corporation, their heirs or assigns, shall quitclaim to said city any right they or any of them may claim or have to the said lands hereby granted. This grant shall carry the right to such city of the rents, issues and profits in any manner hereafter arising from the lands or wharfing out privileges hereby granted. The State of California shall have, at all times, the right to use, without charge, all wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays and other improvements constructed on said lands or any part thereof, for any vessel or other water craft, or railroad, owned or operated by the State of California. No discrimination in rates, tolls or charges or in facilities for any use or service in connection therewith

Term of lease.

Belt line railroad.

Right of persons now in possession to lease.

Quitclaim to city.

Right to profits.

Rights reserved to state.

No discrimination in rates.

shall ever be made, authorized or permitted by said city or its successors in the management, conduct or operation of any of the utilities, structures or appliances mentioned in this section. *There is hereby reserved in the people of the State of California the right to fish in the waters on which said lands may front with the right of convenient access to said waters over said lands for said purpose.*

*Right to
fish re-
served to
people.*

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.