



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: November 8, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Ordinance changes – Amending Title 19, Chapter 509 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Water, Sewer, and Sewage Disposal: Water – Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

Approval of the recommended ordinance amendments.

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved by:

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval: Not Applicable
Civil Rights Approval	Approval: Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG)	Approval: Not Applicable

Financial Impact

The proposed changes intend to match ordinances to priorities by removing permit fees from ordinances and including those fees as part of the annual City Council rate resolution. These changes will remove Engineering standards from the ordinances and require that standards are developed in a universal document approved by the City Council. There will also be minor changes in the meter section to assure proper metering of the water sold.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Public input will be sought.
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy vital and safe city.
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable.
Zoning Code: Not Applicable.

Background/Supporting Information

Public Works is recommending ordinance changes related to Chapter 509 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to the water system. The attached changes can be described by Chapter 509 of the code more specifically as follows:

Article I: Generally 509.10 – 509.240

The changes in Article I are primarily changes related to current proper titles of individuals and proper titles of the funds.

Article II: Water Works Fund 509.250 – 509.320

The changes in Article II are primarily changes related to current proper titles of individuals, proper titles of the funds and responsibility for keeping financial records for the funds for the Public Works Department Division of Water Treatment and Distribution.

Article III: Service Pipes & Connection 509.330 – 509.590

The changes in Article III are primarily changes related to current proper titles of individuals and other changes include removing specifications from the ordinance and referring those specifications to standards developed by the Division of Water Treatment & Distribution as approved by the City Council.

Article IV: Meters Generally 509.600 – 509.700

The changes in Article IV include changes related to proper titles of individuals and minor technical changes.

Article VI: Billing 509.820 – 509.930

The changes in Article VI relate to proper titles of individuals. There is a new section which states that in the case of a metering error an account may be adjusted retroactively for a maximum of three years.

Article VII: Notices and Turning Water off 509.960-509.1050

The changes in Article VII include changes related to proper titles of individuals.

Article VIII: Utility Special Assessments 509.1080

No changes

Article IX: Fire Protection and Hydrants 509.1100-509.1140

The changes in Article IX provide more control of fire services and metering for hydrants used through a hydrant permit. It also includes changes related to proper titles of individuals.

Article X: Control and Protection of Supply 509.1170-509.1440

The changes in Article X include changes related to proper titles of individuals, technical changes regarding cross-connection control and backflow prevention.

The change in Article XI is moves the fine from the ordinance to an amount established in the rate resolution.

City Approval Steps:

1. City Council approves the necessary ordinance changes.

The table below outlines the proposed activities, approvals and schedules to allow the ordinance changes.

Date	City Council Approvals
10-15-12	City Council Meeting – Introduction of subject matter of ordinance amendments and referral to T&PW.
10-23-12	T&PW – Set public hearing on ordinance change for 11-8-12.
11-8-12	T&PW – Hold Public Hearing for ordinance changes.
11-16-12	City Council Meeting – Approval of ordinance change. (Upon Mayoral approval, a summary of the ordinance is published in Finance and Commerce.)