



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

Date: November 18, 2014

To: Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Public Hearings: Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 91 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Building Code: Permit Fees and Title 17 and Chapter 430 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Right of Way Permits**

Recommendation:

- Approval of ordinance amendments:
- A. Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 91 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Building Code: Permit Fees
 - B. Title 17 and Chapter 430 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Right of Way Permits

Previous Directives:

October 31, 2014 - Ordinance amendments introduced by Council Member Kevin Reich.

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals: Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected

Supporting Information

These technical changes are designed to clarify enforcement roles and make it easier for Regulatory Services, Public Works and CPED staff to enforce the ordinances, as appropriate.

Title 17, Chapter 430 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances – changes include:

- Required permit for placing dumpsters and storage containers in the public right-of-way, including specific requirements for placement, location and relocation and use.
- The requirement to attach dumpster and storage container permits to the exterior of the dumpster or storage container.
- Broadened authority for enforcement by multiple city departments, enabling more effective evening and weekend enforcement.

Title 5, Chapter 91 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances – changes include:

- Clarifying edits related to fees associated with changes to Chapter 430.

These changes are being requested after last winter's experience identified that existing ordinances used the word "vehicle", which does not include a dumpster or storage pod. The placement restrictions reiterate much of the parking code related to vehicles, but clarifies that the same spacing applies to dumpsters and storage pods. These changes also clarify for permit-holders the expectations and required actions to be taken during snow emergencies.