

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
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Referral: Community Development & Regulatory Services
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File type: Ordinance
Subcategory: Code Amendment

Subject:

Restructuring annual pollution control billing fees ordinance

Description:

1. Passage of the following ordinances amending the following Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, restructuring the annual pollution control billing fees:
 1. Title 3 relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection:
 1. Chapter 46 Hazardous Waste Generation, Handling, Storage and Disposal.
 2. Chapter 47 Energy and Air Pollution.
 3. Chapter 48 Minneapolis Watershed Management Authority.
 4. Chapter 50 Minneapolis Waste Control and Waste Discharge Rules.
 5. Chapter 54 Storm Water Management.
 2. Title 13, Chapter 261 relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: License Fees Generally.
2. Amending the License Fee Schedule.
3. Returning to author the following ordinances:
 1. Title 3, Chapter 52, relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection, Erosion and Sediment Control and Drainage.
 2. Title 5, Chapter 91 relating to Building Code: Permit Fees.

Previous Actions:

[16-00108](#) - Jan. 29, 2016 - Ordinance Introduction and Referral to HECE Committee.
Feb. 1, 2016: HECE Committee set public hearing for Feb. 22, 2016.
Feb 22, 2016: HECE Committee continued public hearing to March 31, 2016.

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

PCABs are a registration fee charged for equipment and operations that impact or have the potential to impact the environment in Minneapolis. The fees are being restructured to improve the equity of fees for services provided, promote pollution reduction technologies, identify pollutant risks, and incentivize changes to outdated practices and elimination of hazards. The main changes to the PCAB fees are as follows:

1. **Equity of fees to service:** Most notable is the removal of a domestic waste discharge registration, second is a fee exemption for the use of pollution control technologies, and third is the implementation of fees for large air emission sources of VOC, PM2.5, NOx, SOx, CO and Pb.
2. **Promotion of Pollution Reduction:** Businesses that submit a voluntary emission reduction project will be temporarily exempt from the applicable emissions fee(s). Based on the amount of pollution reductions the exemption will be from 2-5 years.
3. **Pollutant Risks:** Registrations to identify and track potential risks to land and water resources are being updated and added such as registration of active water wells and unsealed wells.
4. **Outdated Business Practices:** Fees are proposed to create incentives for business to swap out the use of outdated materials, equipment and products such as using solvent based paints in auto shops and perchloroethylene at drycleaners. In addition, clarification of fee application for out of service chemical storage tanks and out of service water wells.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Future budget impact anticipated.

These amendments will affect the amount of fees collected from the Pollution Control Annual Billings. Attachments illustrate the changes of PCABs to the Business License Fee Schedule and estimates of the changes in annual fees based on 2016 registrations.