

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
Date: 5/2/2016
Referral: N/A
From: Health Department
Lead Staff: James Doten, Supervisor Environmental Services
Presented by: James Doten
File Type: Ordinance
Subcategory: Code Amendment

Subject:

After-hours work permits ordinance.

Description:

Passage of ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 59 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Air Pollution and Environmental Protection: Construction Activities, amending provisions related to after-hours work permits.

Previous Actions:

File 16-00074 Notice of Intent and Introduction and Referral of the Ordinance to HECE

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

The Environmental Services Unit of the Health Department manages the after-hours work permit program. The unit issued 290 permits in 2014, up from 106 in 2010. Most of these requests are for work on weekends. Approximately 80% of these requests come in Friday, inundating staff. This leaves inadequate time to review the permits for potential conflicts. One part of the proposed change charges a 100% premium on applications requested less than 36 hours in advance of the work. This is to encourage timely submittals and allow staff to properly review requests.

The proposed change also allows the Health department to designate other departments to assist in enforcement of the ordinance. This allows better coverage of times outside of normal business hours reducing overtime requirements and improving enforcement.

Many complaints received by the Health department revolve around inadequate notification of the adjoining properties. The proposed ordinance increases the notification requirements to at least 24-hour advance notice of the work.

The ordinance changes also allow for property owners and tenants to work on their housing for improvements or maintenance. The purpose is to allow residents time to work on their property at the end of the day.

The proposed ordinance also exempts emergency utility work need to maintain vital services

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Future budget impact anticipated.

Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.

Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.