



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: April 13th, 2010

To: Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair, Regulatory, Energy and Environmental Committee

Subject: Amending Title 11, Chapter 225 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Garbage and Refuse Section 225.620 Buildings to be numbered.

Amending Title 12, Chapter 244 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing Maintenance Code Section 244.970 Address posting.

Amending Title 17, Chapter 435 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Parcel and Structure Numbering Section 435.60 Address display

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the proposed changes to the Ordinances be adopted.

Previous Directives:

None

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Presenters in Committee:

JoAnn Velde, Deputy Director Housing Inspection Services
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Reviews

Financial Impact

- No Financial Impact

Community Impact

- City Goals

Background/Supporting Information:

There are two reasons for the recommended changes in these sections of city ordinances.

1. 435.60 required a 4" height requirement for the address numbers, Housing Maintenance Code 244.970 required a 3" height and the State Fire Code required the 4" height. This change will make the height requirement consistent throughout the City Ordinance with the State Fire Code.
2. None of the local ordinances or the state fire code addressed the type of material or application of the address numbers. Some property owners currently spray paint numbers on their buildings to meet the address requirement and is viewed by residents as graffiti. Because the code is silent neither, Solid Waste staff, Housing Inspectors or Fire personnel have the authority to write an order to require a different numbering application.

Chapter 225 Subsection 225.620 Building to be numbered:

Solid Waste & Recycling issues letters currently to residential property owners when rear address numbers are not visible or missing. The change in this section is only referencing section 435.60 for the address display requirements.

Chapter 244 Subsection 244.970 Address posting

Housing Inspector issue violation orders when front numbers are not visible or missing on residential properties. The change in this section is to delete the current language and reference 435.60

Chapter 435 Section 435.60 Parcel and Structure Numbering

Amending this section to include language with the 4" ceiling height requirements, how the numbers will be displayed & prohibits the use of certain address numbering applications. The approval of the new address requirement will take place when the Housing Inspector, Solid Waste Staff or Fire Personnel inspect after an order has been issued to ensure the property are in compliance with the new provisions.

Policy for implementation of these new provisions:

The enforcement of the new requirements will occur when the numbers are not visible from the public way or are missing the order will be issued provide address numbers meeting these new requirements. If the property has application displays that are now prohibited by the ordinance an order will be issued to provide address numbers with that comply with the new provisions.