



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

Date: January 26, 2009

To: Honorable Scott Benson, Chair - Health, Energy & Environment Committee

Subject: **Indoor Space Temperature Policy**

Recommendation:

Adopt the new Indoor Space Temperature Policy

Previous Directives:

September 15, 2008- Staff directed to develop a Space Temperature Policy for City-owned facilities, with a report back to the HE&E Committee.

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval NA Date

Civil Rights Approval Approval NA Date

Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval X Date 01/20/2009

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: **NA**

City Goals: **Enriched Environment**

Comprehensive Plan: **NA**

Zoning Code: **NA**

Background/Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis aspires to operate its facilities in an environmentally responsible manner. The new Indoor Space Temperature Policy allows the City of Minneapolis to provide comfortable and functional work spaces within its facilities while continuing its efforts to reduce its use of natural resources and its impact on the natural environment.

The City has a wide variety of buildings ranging from office buildings to water treatment facilities aging from brand new to some that are over 100 years old.

A. The intended outcomes are:

- a. Reduce the City's utility costs associated with heating and cooling.
- b. Reduce the City's our carbon footprint by using less energy produced by the burning of fossil fuel
- c. Reduce hard and soft costs associated with Indoor Air Quality complaints associated with space temperature.

B. Attached is a draft Indoor Space Temperature Policy that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Property Services staff and the Operating Departments, as well as exceptions to the policy. The following policy covers all the facilities owned and operated by the City of Minneapolis. This policy does not apply to the jointly owned City Hall/Courthouse (with Hennepin County) facility that is operated by the Municipal Building Commission.

Attachments: Draft Indoor Space Temperature Policy

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