



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

Date December 3, 2008

To CM Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety & Regulatory Services

Subject Creating Title 3 Chapter 59 Construction Activities

Recommendation Approval of new Chapter 59

Previous Directives

Regulatory Services 5 year business plan requires review and amendment as necessary of City Ordinances enforced by the Department of Regulatory Services.

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Approved by

Lori Olson, Deputy Director, Environmental, Management & Safety

Burt Osborne, Director of Operations, Licensing and Environmental Management & Safety

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable _____

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable _____

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee Dan Huff - Supervisor, Environmental Services;
Thomas Frame - Environmental Engineer, Environmental Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The creation of Chapter 59 is to coordinate construction activity requirements that were located in three chapters in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances: Chapters 47, 48 and 389. Pertinent sections of Chapters 47, 48 and 389 are to be stricken in other council actions, to avoid redundancy, and have been relocated in the new Chapter 59.

Specifics to Chapter 59 are that it locates all environmental permitting requirements of construction oriented activity to a single chapter.

The new chapter is broken into three sections which are:

1. Definitions
2. Permits
 - 2.1. After hours work
 - 2.2. Temporary crushing
 - 2.3. Abrasive blasting
3. Enforcement
 - 3.1. Requested permit rejection, modification, or denial
 - 3.2. Issued permit modification or suspension
 - 3.3. Suspension of unpermitted work
 - 3.4. Administrative or criminal citations

Furthermore, the ordinance provides clarification on homeowner permit exemptions for after hours work and requirements on notification to affected parties for construction activities.