



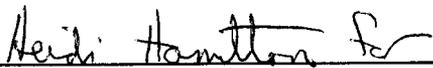
Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: October 12, 2010
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: Ordinance Amendment – Meter Reading Procedures

Recommendation:
Set Public Hearing for November 30, 2010

Previous Directives:
None

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Presenters: Brette Hjelle, Public Works Interagency Coordinator

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	_NA_	Date	__
Civil Rights Approval	Approval	_NA_	Date	__
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	_NA_	Date	__

Financial Impact

Within Departmental Budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA
City Goals: A City that Works
Comprehensive Plan: NA
Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information

Public Works is recommending amending Title 19, Chapter 509 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Meter reading (changes to meter reading procedures).

The proposed ordinance changes will benefit residents by reducing the number of estimated water bills. A water bill can be the first indicator of a leak in the house and estimated water bills do not identify leaks in a timely manner, resulting in a large water bill for the utility payer.

The city will get more accurate meter readings as well as a reduction in the time between changing meter reading devices (phone line to electronic radio transmission). These changes have increased dramatically as homes have moved from wired phones to cellular phones.