

## SECTION 1

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners has approved recommended changes to Chapter 89 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Water Code – Fire Supply via Board Resolution number 24-1812 on January 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes in terminology serve to update the code; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

## SECTION 2

Section 89.01 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

### **Sec. 89.01. Fire services, annual charges.**

- (a) The board of water commissioners may render a special service to private property for private fire protection purposes.
- (b) ~~The annual charges~~ Fire Service Annual Charges shall be set forth in the fee schedule established pursuant to Sec. 85.08, ~~made in accordance with the following schedule based upon the size of the service connection,~~ and such charges shall cover the cost of the special service rendered; the cost of all water used exclusively for fire extinguishing purposes; water used for testing the fire equipment; testing and inspections by the water utility; maintenance provided by the water utility on the street portion of the fire service; and interest and investment costs of the board to render this special service.

<del>For each</del>	<del>Per annum</del>
<del>3-inch and smaller service connection from the main</del>	<del>\$ 20.00</del>
<del>4-inch service connection from the main</del>	<del>45.00</del>
<del>6-inch service connection from the main</del>	<del>100.00</del>
<del>8-inch service connection from the main</del>	<del>170.00</del>
<del>10-inch service connection from the main</del>	<del>265.00</del>
<del>12-inch service connection from the main</del>	<del>360.00</del>

- (c) Annual charges for fire services shall be prorated for the balance of the year in which they are installed.

## SECTION 3

Section 89.04 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

### **Sec. 89.04. Drawings.**

The water utility may require that the applicant furnish with the application a complete and correct drawing or set of drawings showing the location of the premises to be supplied together with location of the service line from the main to the meter. ~~all valves, pipes, hydrants, tanks,~~

~~and other appurtenances on the premises.~~ Drawings for a fire sprinkler system or for future revisions to a fire sprinkler system shall be reviewed and approved by the water utility for compliance with cross connection control and backflow prevention requirements. The drawings will remain the property of the board of water commissioners.

#### SECTION 4

Section 89.10 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

##### **Sec. 89.10. Fire services; maintenance and guarantee.**

- (a) *Guarantee.* The water utility shall, without expense to the owner of property served by the utility, make all necessary repairs to that part of the fire service in the public right-of-way installed by the utility for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of installation.
- (b) *After guarantee period.* After the thirty-year guarantee has expired, repairs, replacement, or renewal of the part of the fire service ~~installed by the water utility~~ in street right-of-way shall be ~~made by the utility~~ at the expense of the owner of the property supplied. Replacement may be necessary upon asset inspection at the time of a capital improvement project.

#### SECTION 5

Section 89.15.1 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

##### **Sec. 89.15.1. Combined fire and domestic water system**

- (a) The domestic water service may be connected to and supplied with water from the fire service.  
The size of the fire service shall be determined by hydraulic calculations based on combined domestic and fire protection demands as approved by the fire code official ~~chief~~.
- (b) All combined systems shall be reviewed for approval and installed and metered in accordance with water utility standards.
- (c) The maintenance and guarantee of combined fire and domestic water systems shall be the same as provided in section 89.10 above.

#### SECTION 6

Section 89.16 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

##### **Sec. 89.16. Illegal use of fire service.**

In any case when the owners or occupants of any premises are found to be using water from a fire service for any unauthorized purpose other than fire protection, the water ~~may~~ shall be shut off, ~~from same until the offenders shall give reasonable assurance, before the board of water commissioners, that the offense will not be repeated.~~ The current Turn-On Sservice Ccharge set forth in the fee schedule established pursuant to Sec. 85.08 shall be paid to turn the water on after it has been shut off for this cause, and the board shall have the right to require, at the owner's expense, the installation of an approved meter to record the amount of

water which may thereafter be used on the service for other than fire purposes. The installation and maintenance of the meter shall be at the expense of the owner, and any registration of water which has not been legitimately used for fire protection will be charged at the regular consumption rate (not including the fixed charge for water.)

## SECTION 7

Section 89.17 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

### Sec. 89.17. Exceptions.

- (a) Standpipes hereinafter installed in an unsprinklered building and to be used exclusively for fire protection purposes shall be considered as a fire service and installed in accordance with this chapter, except that a maximum of three (3) such standpipes may, with written permission, be supplied with water through the domestic service; provided, that the size of such standpipes shall be no larger than the size of the domestic water meter; and provided further; that the building has no other fire protection service to which they can be connected. Wet standpipe systems shall be separated from the domestic water system by use of an approved type backflow preventer. No antifreeze shall be introduced into existing standpipe systems unless that system meets the current provisions of the State Minnesota Plumbing Code. Property owners shall notify the utility when additives are used in a system.
- (b) Automatic sprinklers to be installed in a building not served by a separate automatic fire service and to be used exclusively for fire protection purposes may be installed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the Minnesota Plumbing Code, except that the design demand of the automatic sprinkler shall not exceed the capacity of the domestic service and meter. If a proposed automatic sprinkler system design demand exceeds one hundred fifty (150) gallons per minute, a separate fire service is required. Automatic sprinkler interior piping shall be separated from the domestic water system by use of an approved type backflow preventer. No antifreeze shall be introduced into existing automatic sprinkler systems unless that system meets the current provisions of the State Minnesota Plumbing Code. Property owners shall notify the utility and Local Building Official when additives are used in a system.

## SECTION 8

Section 89.19 of the Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

### Sec. 89.19. Order to shut off.

Fire services shall be turned off upon the written request of the owner or authorized agent, subject to approval by the fire code official ~~marshal~~. The current Turn-off On Service Charge set forth in the fee schedule established pursuant to Sec. 85.08 will be applied to the bill ~~shall be paid in accordance with section 91.13.~~

## **SECTION 9**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.