

1 An ordinance revising Legislative Code Chapter 87 pertaining to water service
2 connections.

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4 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

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6 Section 1.

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8 That chapter 87 of Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

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10 **Chapter 87. – Water Code – Water Service Connection**

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12 **Sec. 87.16. – Cut off of street service connections.**

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14 New water services to properties that fall within the categories listed under paragraph (a)
15 of this section will not be turned on until all unused street service connections extending to the
16 served property have been cut off at the water main or delay of such work is approved per
17 paragraph (b) of this section. The property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated
18 with the cut off of street service connections addressed in this section, including providing for
19 excavation and restoration as required by the water utility. Excavation and restoration required
20 for cut off work shall be accomplished by a contractor licensed to perform such work. In certain
21 circumstances and as may be required by the water utility, excavation and restoration may be
22 performed by the water utility. All pipe work required for the cut off of street service connections
23 shall be performed by the water utility, except as described in paragraph (d).

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25 (a) *Cut off at water main by water utility.* The following circumstances require the
26 cut off of street service connection(s) at the water main:

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28 (1) Whenever a property is redeveloped. This shall apply to all unused street
29 service connections that extend to the property;
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31 (2) Whenever a property owner requests that an existing lead street service
32 connection be replaced in a different location, more than three (3) feet
33 from the existing location, as provided in section 87.03(f);
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35 (3) Whenever a property owner requests that a street connection serving an
36 existing building be replaced;
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38 (4) Whenever required by the water utility when certain water pipe
39 materials, excavation obstructions or other such considerations make a
40 property line cut off described in paragraph (d) unfeasible.

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42 (b) Delay of cut off of street service connection due to recent street surface paving.
43 Where cut off of a street service connection(s) at the water main is required
44 within a public street right-of-way is required by this section where the street
45 surface has been recently repaved, and the authority governing excavation within
46 said street right-of-way provides the water utility with written documentation has
47 a duly adopted ordinance or other law restricting excavation required for such cut
48 off within such recently repaved street surfaces, said governing authority may
49 require a delay of such cut off(s) until such time as said street surface is again
50 repaved may be approved by the water utility. In the case of such requirement,
51 said governing authority shall, at its own expense, provide for the excavation and
52 backfilling for said delayed cut off. In such case, the property owner shall pay the

1 water utility the current estimated costs of cut off excavation and backfill, in
2 addition to any current charges as described in paragraph (c) of this section.
3 However, such excavation, backfill and cut off will not be performed until the
4 time of the next street surface replacement or other such opportunity to
5 accomplish the work, as determined by the water utility.
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7 (c) *Charges for cut off of street service connection by water utility.* Charges for cut
8 off of street service connections shall be approved by city council resolution
9 based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners in the same
10 manner as water charges, as described in section 85.01.
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12 (d) *Cut off required for building demolition.* Prior to the demolition of a building, all
13 street service connections shall be cut off, properly capped and retained at the
14 property line or stop box, exact location to be determined by the water utility.
15 Property line cut off pipe work inside property shall be performed by a city
16 licensed plumber and inspected by a water utility plumbing inspector.
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18 (e) *Change in cut off location.* Where certain water pipe materials, excavation
19 obstructions or other such considerations make a cut off location required by this
20 section unfeasible, the water utility may require the cut off be performed at a
21 different location.
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23 Section 2.

24 All other sections of Chapter 87 shall remain unchanged.
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26 Section 3.

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