

1 An ordinance revising Legislative Code Chapter 85 pertaining to accrual of water charges  
2 until meter has been removed.

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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 85 of Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

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10 **Chapter 85. – Water Code – Water Rates**

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12 **Sec. 85.01. – Water Charge.**

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14 (a) There shall be levied and collected a charge against every lot, parcel of land,  
15 building or premises having available an active water service connection for the  
16 purpose of paying the cost of construction, reconstruction, repair, enlargement,  
17 improvement and the maintenance, operation and use of facilities of the  
18 waterworks system, including mains, valves, hydrants, service connections, wells,  
19 pumps, reservoirs, tanks, treatment plants and other appurtenances of the  
20 waterworks system.
- 21 (b) Water charges shall be approved by city council resolution based on the  
22 recommendation of the board of water commissioners. Water charges shall be  
23 based upon the volume of water registered by meter or then by such other means as  
24 approved by the board of water commissioners. Water charges shall be sufficient  
25 to pay the interest and to provide a fund to pay the principal upon all obligations  
26 issued for the waterworks system as well as to pay all the expenses and costs of the  
27 maintenance, repairs and operation of the system.
- 28 (c) The board of water commissioners shall recommend to the city council the  
29 amount and basis for water charges. The proposed charges shall be considered by  
30 the council at a public hearing, which hearing shall be preceded by a notice  
31 published in the official newspaper of the city at least ten (10) calendar days prior  
32 to the hearing. At the hearing the council shall hear all persons interested in the  
33 matter. Following the hearing the council shall, by resolution, establish the water  
34 charges.
- 35 (d) Water charges shall accrue until removal of the meter has been verified by the  
36 water utility.

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38 Section 2.

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40 The other sections of Chapter 85 shall remain unchanged.

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42 Section 3.

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