

Staff Report

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Legislative Code of the City of Saint Paul regarding deposits and charges for hydrant use permits.

October 17, 2013

Revisions to Chapter 90 of the Legislative Code, as recommended by Board of Water Commissioners Resolution No. 7238, would raise the required hydrant permit deposit from \$500 to \$1,000, clarify hydrant rental charges and provide general housekeeping.

Currently, hydrant use permits and meters are routinely issued to contractors which allow them to draw water from hydrants near their work sites. The cost to replace a hydrant meter and meter assembly is currently around \$1,000, so staff is proposing the deposit be raised to that amount.

Additionally, with the initiation of the water service base fee and right-of-way recovery fee, it has become necessary to clarify that hydrant permits are subject to these fees.