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TO: Council President Russ Stark

FROM: Ricardo Cervantes-Director, Department of Safety and Inspections

RE: Fuel Burner Board of Examiners

Issue:

The fuel burner installer board of examiners is comprised of the building official, or the official's designee, as chair and four appointive members. Currently, one of the appointive members is required to be a representative of the gas utility. A representative of the gas utility is no longer relevant to determining the competency of the tradesmen working within the City of St. Paul on fuel burning equipment.

Background:

Xcel Energy historically provided fuel burner installation/repair services to customers within the city and had a designee represented on the board of examiners familiar with these services. Xcel no longer provides those services and therefore has little involvement in the quality of these types installation/repair services.

The current Xcel Energy board designee was employed by the company at a time in which they still provided installation/repair services to their customers. However, this employee retired in May of 2015 and a replacement with similar knowledge is not available for appointment.

The board of examiners for other trades (plumbers, steam fitter and piping system installers) consists of master tradesman and journeypersons only. A similar change to the fuel burner installers board of examiners would align this board similarly to other board of examiners in the legislative code.

Proposal:

Amend Chapter 370.06 (1) of the Legislative Code to eliminate the appointment of the 'qualified representative of the gas utility' as a board member and instead require the appointment of another journeyperson gas and oil burner installer.