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TO: City of Saint Paul Mayor and City Council Members

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FROM: Ricardo Cervantes-Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)

SUBJECT: Saint Paul Legislative Code Changes to Chapter 33

The Department of Safety and Inspections seeks to enact a relatively minor change to the Saint Paul Legislative Code with regards to the city's plumbing permit fees:

Chapter 33.04(g)(7) Plumbing Fees: The proposed ordinance change is an effort to clarify the appropriate plumbing fee applied when only gas burning equipment is installed under a plumbing permit. In addition, the structure of the proposed change and the modest fee increase for fixtures (increased from \$29 to \$30) and additional BTUs (increased from \$11 to \$13) have been included to provide parity to other permit fees within Chapter 33.04 (Gas Burner fees-33.04(g)(5)) and other construction trades.

Based upon 2017 permit data, this modest change will result in a fee increase of \$30-\$44 for only 119 DSI 'gas burning equipment only' plumbing permit customers annually. Another 1,700 plumbing permit customers will experience a \$1 or \$2 increase to their fee, on an annual basis, when installing multiple plumbing fixtures. We estimate that the total of these changes will result in approximately \$6,000 in additional revenue to DSI, which has a very small revenue impact considering roughly 4,000 plumbing permits are issued annually.

For additional questions please contact me at 651-266-9101 or Deputy Director Travis Bistodeau at 651-266-1922.