

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-1699

Pertaining to an ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the Legislative Code of the City of Saint Paul regarding sprinkling restrictions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Saint Paul Legislative Code currently allows for the Board to prohibit the use of water for lawn sprinkling purposes for a period of up to 30 consecutive days. This code change would remove the 30-day restriction.

Recently, a court order by Ramsey County Judge Margaret Marrinan, as part of White Bear Lake property owners v. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, could have effectively required a ban on all lawn sprinkling for all Saint Paul Regional Water Services' customers for an undetermined amount of time. As the code exists now, the Board does not hold the authority to comply with the court order beyond 30 days.

This code change would remove the 30 day limit for such a watering ban and allow for full compliance with such a court order.

Upon Board approval, the Ordinance will be forwarded to the Saint Paul City Council for public hearing and action.

See the following attachments:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance
- 2) Proposed code changes in redline form

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.