

SAINT PAUL LEGISLATIVE CODE

Sec. 87.18. - Thawing of frozen water service connections and fire services.

- (a) The property owner shall protect from freezing that part of the water service connection and fire service within private property. If either type of connection does freeze, the property owner is responsible for retaining a private thawing company to restore water delivery to the premises, all work to be in accordance with the standards of the water utility. When labor and equipment are available in sufficient numbers, the utility may offer to thaw such sections of services at actual cost, including labor, equipment, materials and overhead, provided the owners sign a release form holding the board harmless from any and all damages caused by the thawing operations, and provided the owner agrees to pay and deposit in advance a sum equal to the estimate of actual costs as determined by the water utility.
- (b) If the utility determines that the frozen section is in the street right-of-way, the utility may thaw the service without charge. If the owner elects to have the section of the service thawed by a private contractor at the owner's expense, all work shall be in accordance with standards of the utility.

Sec. 93.08. - Location of meter.

The meter setting shall be as close as possible to the inside of the foundation wall at the point of entrance of the water service connection, and all piping beyond the meter shall be carried above the basement floor, except that the water utility may permit a special location of the meter, provided in all cases the pipe shall be at a sufficient depth to prevent freezing. Where such permission is granted, the pipe between the point of entrance and the water meter shall be as short as possible and may be run overhead or carried under the concrete floor. If a joint is provided on a copper water service connection under a concrete floor, the copper pipe shall be installed in a schedule 40 poly vinyl chloride (PVC) pipe or other approved equal having a minimum diameter of four (4) inches, laid continuous from a point twenty-four (24) inches outside of the foundation wall to the meter location, shall have tight joints, shall be laid sufficiently straight to permit the installation or withdrawal of the water pipe, and shall be laid to drain to the outside of the foundation wall.