



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 94 of the Legislative Code pertaining to water meter removal, to update language to conform to new metering system technology.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1.

That chapter 94 of Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 94. - Water Code - Interior Work

Sec. 94.04. - Meters, settings, cable installation.

- (a) The meter setting shall include the water meter, the meter valves and check valve when required, installed in accordance with meter setting standards of the water utility. The normal setting from the centerline of the meter spuds to the wall shall not be less than eight (8) inches for one-inch and smaller meters, or closer than ten (10) inches for two-inch meters. The height above the floor in all instances shall not be less than twelve (12) inches or more than forty-eight (48) inches except by special permission.
- (b) The meter setting and vertical riser shall be strong and securely attached to an adjacent wall to prevent sagging, swaying or undue vibration. On new services or renewals, the meter shall in all cases be set above the floor.
- (c) Large meters may be set directly on the floor when their weight cannot otherwise be properly supported.
- ~~(d) For all new service connections or new service accounts~~ Where the owner requests a remote meter reading device, the owner or owner's representative shall install ~~multiconductor~~ cable from the meter to the proposed remote meter reading device ~~receptacle~~ location. Cable installation and remote meter reading device ~~receptacle~~ location shall conform to water utility standards. Cable shall be furnished in sufficient length to facilitate connection by the water utility at the meter and the remote meter reading device ~~receptacle~~.

Sec. 94.05. - Curb or yard meter settings.

- (a) The use of meter vaults for meter installations will be allowed only by special permission, or at the direction of the water utility. Where permitted or required the meter vault shall be constructed at a site approved by the water utility utilizing materials and design which meet water utility standards. The meter vault must be waterproof and the finished grade sloped to divert drainage away from the vault. Two (2) sets of drawings shall be furnished to the water utility showing a site plan and the details of construction of the vault. A remote meter reading device ~~water register shall be required on all new meter settings~~ shall be required in vaults.
- (b) It shall be the owner's responsibility to maintain the meter vault and accessibility to the vault so that the water meter can be read on a regular basis. This includes the removal of snow and ice which prevent access to the meter vault and the removal of water from the underground portions of the meter vault when necessary. The water utility, after proper notice, may terminate service if the owner fails to properly maintain the meter vault or accessibility to the meter vault.

Section 2.

The other sections of Chapter 94 shall remain unchanged.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.