



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 87 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the cut off of street service connections.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Chapter 87 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 87. - Water Code - Water Service Connection

Sec. 87.16. - Cut off of street service connections.

New water services to properties that fall within the categories listed under paragraph (a) of this section will not be turned on until all unused street service connections extending to the served property have been cut off at the water main or delay of such work is approved per paragraph (b) of this section. The property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with the cut off of street service connections addressed in this section, including providing for excavation and restoration as required by the water utility. Excavation and restoration required for cut off work shall be accomplished by a contractor licensed to perform such work. In certain circumstances and as may be required by the water utility, excavation and restoration may be performed by the water utility. All pipe work required for the cut off of street service connections shall be performed by the water utility, except as described in paragraph (d).

- (a) *Cut off at water main by water utility.* The following circumstances require the cut off of street service connection(s) at the water main:
- (1) Whenever a property is redeveloped. This shall apply to all unused street service connections that extend to the property;
 - (2) Whenever a property owner requests that an existing lead street service connection be replaced in a different location, more than three (3) feet from the existing location, as provided in section 87.03(f);
 - (3) Whenever a property owner requests that a street connection serving an existing building be replaced;
 - (4) Whenever required by the water utility when certain water pipe materials, excavation obstructions or other such considerations make a property line cut off described in paragraph (d) unfeasible.
- (b) *Delay of cut off of street service connection due to recent street surface paving.* Where cut off of a street service connection(s) at the water main is required within a public street right-of-way is required by this section where the street surface has been recently repaved, and the authority governing excavation within said street right-of-way provides the water utility with written documentation has a duly adopted ordinance or other law restricting excavation required

for such cut off within such recently repaved street surfaces, said governing authority may require a delay of such cut off(s) until such time as said street surface is again repaved may be approved by the water utility. In the case of such requirement, said governing authority shall, at its own expense, provide for the excavation and backfilling for said delayed cut off. In such case, the property owner shall pay the water utility the current estimated costs of cut off excavation and backfill, in addition to any current charges as described in paragraph (c) of this section. However, such excavation, backfill and cut off will not be performed until the time of the next street surface replacement or other such opportunity to accomplish the work, as determined by the water utility.

- (c) *Charges for cut off of street service connection by water utility.* Charges for cut off of street service connections shall be approved by city council resolution based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners in the same manner as water charges, as described in section 85.01.
- (d) *Cut off required for building demolition.* Prior to the demolition of a building, all street service connections shall be cut off, properly capped and retained at the property line or stop box, exact location to be determined by the water utility. Property line cut off pipe work inside property shall be performed by a city licensed plumber and inspected by a water utility plumbing inspector.
- (e) *Change in cut off location.* Where certain water pipe materials, excavation obstructions or other such considerations make a cut off location required by this section unfeasible, the water utility may require the cut off be performed at a different location.

SECTION 2

All other sections of Chapter 87 shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 3

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