



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 85 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to accrual of water charges pending meter removal.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Section 85 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 85. - Water Code - Water Rates

Sec. 85.01. - Water Charge.

(a) There shall be levied and collected a charge against every lot, parcel of land, building or premises having available an active water service connection for the purpose of paying the cost of construction, reconstruction, repair, enlargement, improvement and the maintenance, operation and use of facilities of the waterworks system, including mains, valves, hydrants, service connections, wells, pumps, reservoirs, tanks, treatment plants and other appurtenances of the waterworks system.

(b) Water charges shall be approved by city council resolution based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners. Water charges shall be based upon the volume of water registered by meter or then by such other means as approved by the board of water commissioners. Water charges shall be sufficient to pay the interest and to provide a fund to pay the principal upon all obligations issued for the waterworks system as well as to pay all the expenses and costs of the maintenance, repairs and operation of the system.

(c) The board of water commissioners shall recommend to the city council the amount and basis for water charges. The proposed charges shall be considered by the council at a public hearing, which hearing shall be preceded by a notice published in the official newspaper of the city at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing. At the hearing the council shall hear all persons interested in the matter. Following the hearing the council shall, by resolution, establish the water charges.

(d) Water charges shall accrue until removal of the meter has been verified by the water utility.

SECTION 2

The other sections of Chapter 85 shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 3

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