



**To:** City Council

**Agenda Item #:** IV.J

**From:** Brian Olson, P.E. Director of Public Works

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Date:** 12/4/2012

**Information**

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2012-23 Providing Fee For Alternative Water Meter Reading Program

**Action Requested:**

Adopt Ordinance No. 2012-23 and request waive of 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the attached Ordinance revision

**Information / Background:**

During the completion of our water meter replacement program, we have had requests from residents to install a metering device that does not transmit the readings via radio technology. Our current City Code (Section 1100.04) does not allow for the flexibility for Staff to approve this request. The attached revision to the City Code allows for the resident to request a meter that does not utilize the standard technology but also recognizes the increased cost and effort required to manually read each of these meters. The program revision is modeled after the City of St. Paul water utility that offered two alternatives to the standard installation. Beyond our standard installation, our program will allow for a radio device affixed to the outside of the house at no cost to the resident and it will also allow a non-radio read technology device to be affixed to the outside of the house. Our recommendation is to add an additional \$20 per quarter to the accounts that choose this option as we will be required to physically touch each household that exercises this option.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-23  
AMENDING SUBSECTION 1100.04 OF CITY CODE  
CONCERNING THE METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDINA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Subparagraph A of Subdivision 1 of Subsection 1100.04 Meters; Meter Reading; Billing; Payment is amended to read as follows:

A. All permanent service connections to the City water system shall be metered by a metering device and remote radio meter reading device issued by the City. The metering device and remote radio meter reading device shall be installed by the owner of the property in accordance with Section 440 of this Code. A resident may request the installation of a metering device that requires a manual meter read. The fee for a manually read meter shall be as set forth in Section 185 Schedule A.

Section 2. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication according to law.

First Reading: December 4, 2012

Second Reading: Waived

Published:

Attest

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor