



**To:** Mayor and Council

**Agenda Item #:** VII. E

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

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Date:** November 18, 2014

**Information**

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2014-20 Amending Chapters 2 and 28 Concerning Utilities

**Action Requested:**

Granting first reading, waiving second reading, and adoption of the attached Ordinance No. 2014-20 amending Chapter 2 and 28 of City Code.

**Information / Background:**

With the implementation of the meter replacement project over the last several years we have completed the replacement of 14,209 meters by making entrance to those residences and business across the city. There are 19 properties remaining that we have made at least 10 attempts to gain entrance. One of the key selling points of the \$3.6 million replacement project was that of the old meters contain a very small amount of lead in the piping of the meter; any meter containing any lead will not be allowed starting in 2014. The battery lives of the existing Badger meters were also failing at an alarming rate and we question the ability to accurately record the water use.

City Code Section 28-45 states that a meter is required and "The city may remove any meter at any time for testing, calibration or replacement." The attached amendment to Chapter 2 and 28 will allow us to charge a fee to recuperate lost time and water for these inaccurate meter readings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2 AND 28 OF THE EDINA CITY CODE**  
**CONCERNING SANITARY SEWER AND WATER UTILITY**

**THE CITY OF EDINA ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 28, Article Two of the Edina City Code is amended by adding Section 28-44(6) to read as follows:

28-44(6) Surcharge for building or premises where the City has not been able to remove the meter for testing, calibration or replacement.

**Section 2.** Chapter 2, Article Eight of the Edina City Code is amended by adding the following fee:

Article and Division	Chapter and Section	Purpose of fee or charges	Amount	Term
Article VII, division 5	28-44 (6)	Surcharge when City not able to remove water meter for testing, calibration or replacement	\$50.00	Per quarter

**Section 3.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

First Reading: November 18 2014

Second Reading: Waived

Published: December 3, 2014

Attest:

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 Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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 James B. Hovland, Mayor