

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

11-038-0

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-37 AND REPEALING SECTION 26-39 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED REGARDING THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED ON-DUTY BRIDGE TENDERS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 26-37 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

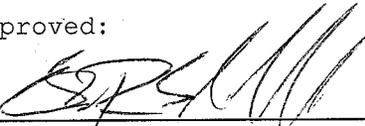
Sec. 26-37. ~~Two~~ One bridge tenders to be on duty at all times during navigation season.

During the season of navigation, there shall be at least ~~two~~ one bridge tenders, who shall be constantly on duty, ~~one of whom shall be at the operating controls of the Aerial Lift Bridge at all times.~~

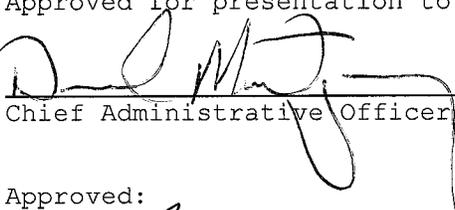
Section 2. That Section 26-39 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

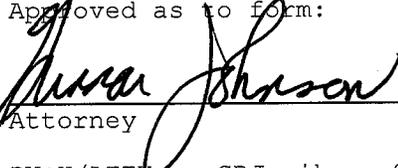
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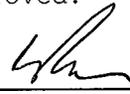
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Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance amends Sections 26-37 and 26-39 of the

Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, amending the number of bridge tenders required to be on-duty from two to one. Sections 26-37 and 26-39 were enacted in 1930. At that time most communication was done via sight and sound signals, two-way radio was in it's infancy and radar was not developed until just before WWII. Today, bridge operators utilize radar and can communicate with vessels using two-way radio and cell-phones if needed. Light and sound signals are used mainly as tradition. The Aerial Bridge is also now equipped with 16 CCTV cameras that display all aspects of the bridge in the pilot house. United States Coast Guard mandated bridge hours during the height of shipping season has also significantly reduced the number and frequency of lifts. There is no longer a need to have an additional bridge operator present unless needed.