

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

12-009-0

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHARGING FOR UTILITY TURN-ON AND SHUT-OFFS RELATED TO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AMENDING SECTION 48-210 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

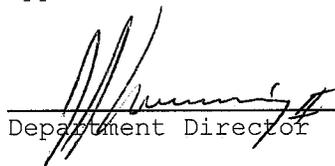
Section 1. That Section 48-210 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48-210. Charges.

The charges for shutting off and turning on the supply of water or gas, where it has been shut off for nonpayment of charges, to facilitate maintenance or repair of any service or for violation of the rules, shall be not less than \$1 and shall include compensation to the department for all expenses incurred in such shutting off and turning on the supply.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

Approved:



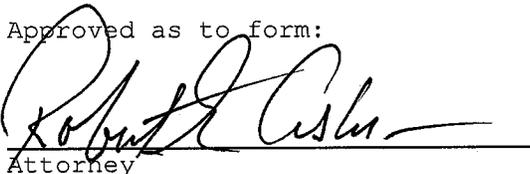
Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved:



Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to clearly authorize the water and gas division to charge to reimburse it for its actual costs of sending a crew out to shut off and to re-establish water or gas service or both to any property when the need for shut-off and turn-on are necessitated by the need of the property owner to have repair or maintenance work performed on their private service lines. The need for such work can include things like damage to the service lines and freeze-ups.

The work covered by this amendment can involve locating and uncovering the shut-off valve as well as actually turning the service off and on, and may require more than one trip by city personnel. In addition, because of exigent needs of the owner, the work sometimes must be performed on evenings or weekends, creating additional costs to the city in the form of paying overtime rates.

This amendment will clearly allow the city to charge the responsible owner for its costs of assisting the owner in maintaining his service lines.