

PURCHASING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

12-014-0

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO VETO UTILITY RATES APPROVED BY THE DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AMENDING SECTION 2-187 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED.

BY COUNCILOR KRAUSE:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 2-187 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-187. City council review; veto.

Before any rates approved by the commission pursuant to paragraphs (b) or (c) of Section 2-186 above shall take effect for any purpose whatsoever, a full, true and correct copy of the commission's resolution approving such rates shall be filed in the office of the city clerk and there remain on file as a public document for at least one week before the holding of a regular meeting of the city council. It is hereby made the duty of the city clerk to report to the council at any regular meeting thereof concerning the filing of said resolution. The council may, by a resolution ~~adopted by the affirmative vote of at least six councilors,~~ veto the rate modifications proposed by such resolution at any such meeting. If the council votes to veto said rate modification, the rates last approved shall continue in force and effect until modified in accordance with the provision of this Article. If such rate increase is not vetoed at such meeting, the rates approved by the commission's resolution shall go into effect on the date specified in the commission's resolution or the day after such council meeting, whichever is later.

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

Approved as to form:



Attorney

CCREQ/ATTY REA:dma 3/13/2012

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Section 2-187 of the City Code pertaining to the council's ability to veto, by resolution, rates approved by the public utility commission to change the voting requirements to approve such a resolution from six to a simple majority.