

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

14-021-0

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE SPRINKLING CREDIT, AMENDING SECTION 43-9 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

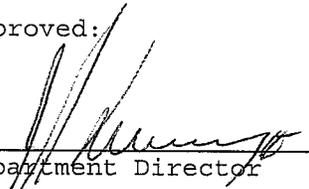
Section 1. That Section 43-9 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43-9. Allowance for outdoor use--conditions.

During the months of May through September, the amount of wastewater determined to be discharged by a user shall be reduced by the amount of water ~~assumed~~ ~~determined~~ to be used during such months in such manner that it does not enter the sanitary sewer system, subject to the following; provided, that such reduction shall not exceed the difference between the actual water consumption during each such month, reduced by 100 cubic feet, and the average of water consumption as determined for the immediately preceding months of October through March. The director of public works and utilities of the city is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, which regulations shall be published in the official newspaper of the city ten days prior to going into effect and shall be available for examination and copying at the office of public works and utilities department during normal business hours.

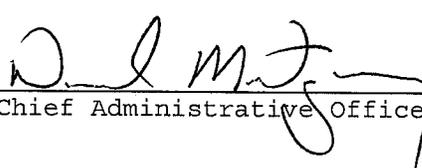
Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

Approved:



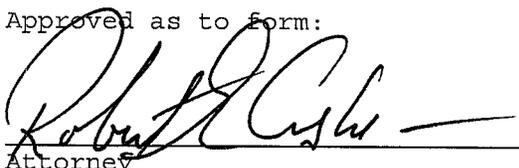
Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved:



Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Section 43-9 of the Code to more accurately reflect the likely impact of sprinkling on the City's sanitary sewer system and to reduce the administrative cost of providing the credit.

Presently, it is assumed that any increase in the consumption of water is attributable solely to using that water for lawn and garden watering purposes and that this increased usage is presumed to not result in greater discharge into the sanitary sewer system. The credit is intended to reflect the assumed reduced sanitary sewer flow to WLSSD which in turn reduces the amount the District charges the City to treat its sanitary sewage.

The present assumptions do not address the fact that there can and probably are many other reasons why a household's water use in the summer can be higher than it might be in the winter including changes in household population (such as visitors and guests and students home for the summer), pool use, more showers, "snowbirds" returning and many other possible causes. And there are just the aberrational changes.