

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

15-016-O

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 43-67 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF A FILING FEE WHEN APPEALING THE DENIAL OF A STORMWATER UTILITY FEE ADJUSTMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 43-67 of the Duluth city code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43-67. Utility fee adjustments.

(a) Any person liable for the payment of stormwater utility fees on nonresidential property may, subject to the limitations set forth in the Section, apply to the director for a utility fee adjustment if the person believes the utility fee to be incorrect. The request for adjustment shall be made in writing and shall state, in detail, the grounds upon which relief is sought. The director may require the applicant for relief to submit, at applicant's expense, supplemental information including, but not limited to, survey data certified by a registered land surveyor and engineering reports certified by a registered professional engineer. The director may grant an adjustment if it is found that:

(1) A substantial error was made in the calculation of the impervious area on the nonresidential property;

(2) The stormwater runoff from the property never enters any facility of the stormwater drainage system;

(3) The property is subject to stormwater management practices that significantly improve the quantity or quality of the stormwater runoff from the property;

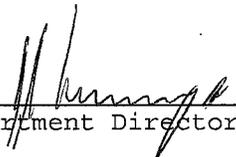
(b) Adjustments and denials of adjustments shall be made in writing by the director. No adjustment shall be made retroactively,

except for initial appeals filed within six months of the effective date of this ordinance;

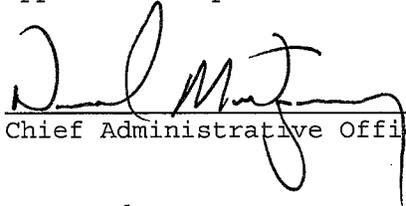
(c) Any person denied an adjustment by the director may appeal the denial to the city council by filing written notice of appeal with the city clerk within 30 days of receipt of the director's decision and by paying a filing fee in an amount established pursuant to Section 31-8 of this Code. The city council shall hear the appeal and affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the director, applying the standards for granting adjustments set forth in this Section.

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

Approved:

  
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Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

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Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance amends Section 43-67 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as amended, to establish the payment of a filing fee as a requirement for appealing the director's decision to deny a stormwater utility fee adjustment.