

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

15-017-0

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 43-65 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED, TO INCORPORATE THE DEFINITION OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 50-41.9 OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE, 1959, AS AMENDED.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 43-65 of the Duluth city code, 1959, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43-65. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given them in this Section:

Budget. The budget of the stormwater utility. The budget shall include yearly operating and maintenance costs, capital costs, debt service and amounts necessary to meet unanticipated costs.

Capital costs. Costs reasonably incurred in connection with providing capital improvements to the system or any portion thereof, including but not limited to:

(a) Acquisition of all property, real or personal and all interests in connection therewith, including all rights-of-way and easements therefor;

(b) Physical construction, installation and testing, including the costs of labor, services, materials, supplies and utility services used in connection therewith;

(c) Architectural, engineering, legal and other professional services;

(d) Expenses of obtaining permits or approvals before construction or other project charges which become due during construction;

(e) Any miscellaneous expenses incidental to a project.

Debt service. The principal and interest necessary to pay an

indebtedness of the city related to the stormwater utility in any year.

Director. The director of public works or the director's designee.

Dwelling unit. A single unit that provides complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provision for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

Equivalent residential unit or ERU. The average impervious area of residential property per dwelling unit located within the city.

ERU rate. A utility fee charged on each ERU as established by resolution of the Duluth public utilities commission as provided herein.

Impervious area. ~~Roofed and paved areas, including, but not limited to, areas covered by roofs, roof extensions, patios, porches, driveways, sidewalks, parking areas and athletic courts.~~ For purposes of this Section, "impervious area" shall mean the same as "impervious surface" as defined in section 50-41.9 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as may be amended.

Nonresidential property. Developed property that is classified by the city assessor as property types 3 and 5 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 273.13. Property that has a mixture of residential and nonresidential uses shall be considered nonresidential.

Operating and maintenance costs. The current paid or accrued expenses of operation, maintenance and current repair of the system, as calculated in accordance with sound accounting practices and includes, without limitation, administrative expenses, labor, the cost of materials and supplies used for current operations and

charges for the accumulation of appropriate reserves for current expenses not annually incurred but which are such as may be reasonably expected to be incurred in accordance with sound accounting practices.

Residential property. Developed property that is classified by the city assessor as land use types 1, 4 and 2a pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 273.13.

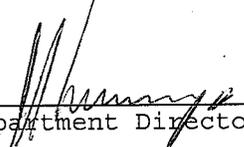
Stormwater drainage system or system. The existing constructed and natural stormwater drainage facilities and channels of the city and all improvements thereto which are the property and responsibility of the utility, to be operated by the utility to, among other things, conserve water, control discharges necessitated by rainfall events, incorporate methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, over-drainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quality and quantity of discharge from such system.

Stormwater utility or utility. The utility created by this article to operate, maintain and improve the stormwater drainage system.

Utility fee. A utility fee authorized by Minnesota law and this Article which is established to pay for operations and maintenance, extension and replacement and debt service.

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

Approved:

  
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Department Director

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

Approved for presentation to council:

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

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Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance incorporates the definition of impervious surface found in Section 50-41.9 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, as may be amended, to define "impervious area" in Section 43.65 of Duluth City Code, as amended, for the purposes of determining the stormwater utility fee.