



**Anoka County, Minnesota
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Blaine, MN 55449

Ordinance: ORD 18-2404

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SECOND READING

AMENDING CHAPTER 86 - UTILITIES

THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN: (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown in brackets with overstrike.)

Sec. 86-11. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the
meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a
different meaning:

Meter the actual water meter for measurement of water usage and shall also all other
components of the metering system including but not limited to the water meter
register, the communications radio module, and the wiring connecting the register to
the module.

Sec. 86-12. - Discontinuing service.

- a) The city reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer of the water
and sanitary sewer system without notice when necessary for repairs, additional
connections or reconnections, or when, in the judgment of the public works
director or designee, such action is necessary to protect the purity of the
municipal water supply or the safety of the water system and/or the life, health,
and safety of its customers.
- b) The city reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer of the water

and sanitary sewer system for disregard of any rules or regulations in connection with the use or operation of the system.

c) The city reserves the right to discontinue water and sanitary sewer service to any vacant property or premises without heat.

d) The city reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer of the water and sanitary sewer system for nonpayment of charges or bills.

e) The service of water or sanitary sewer shall not be shut off for nonpayment of charges or bills until notice and an opportunity for a hearing have first been given to the occupant and owner of the premises involved. The notice shall be personally served or delivered by certified mail and shall state that, if payment

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not made before the date stated in the notice, but not less than ten days after the date upon which the notice is given, the water supply to the premises will be shut off. The notice shall also state that the occupant may, before such date, demand a hearing before the city council, in which case the supply will not be shut off until after the hearing is held. If, as a result of the hearing, the city council finds that the amount claimed owing is actually due and unpaid and that there is no legal reason why the water supply of the delinquent customer may not be shut off in accordance with this article, the city may then shut off the supply.

Whenever any service has been discontinued for nonpayment of charges or bills or for disregard of any rules or regulations in accordance with the procedures set forth above, it shall not be resumed except upon payment of the charges or bills accrued together with interest thereon, at a rate to be determined by city council or compliance with the rules and regulations previously violated and payment to the city of a disconnect fee in the amount established by city council.

Sec. 86-183. - Location; obstructing.

All residential water meters will be installed in the laundry area, adjacent to a floor drain, or in the well pit if the well pit is in a heated basement. The well pit door

shall have louvers to prevent the meter from freezing. Meters in breezeways or garages are not permitted. The customer is prohibited from obstructing the meter so as to prohibit the reading or repairing of the meter. Failure to grant access to the inside of a home to read, replace, or repair a water meter shall be enforced per Sec. 86-12 Discontinuing Service. ~~result in a 200,000 gallon penalty assessment to the resident's water bill.~~

INTRODUCED AND READ in full the 5th day of April, 2018.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Blaine this 19th day of April, 2018.

Signed by

Tom Ryan, Mayor

Date

Attest by

Catherine Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk

Date