CITY OF STOUGHTON, 207 S Forrest Street, Stoughton, WI 53589

ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL			
To amend Sections 74-15(a) and 74-15(b) and create Sections 74-15 (c) through (e) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, relating to the placement of water metering facilities and the replacement of inaccessible metering facilities. Committee Action: The Utilities Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7 - 0. Fiscal Impact: N/A			
File Number:	O-22 -2020	**First Reading:** **Second Reading:**	October 27, 2020 November 10, 2020

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Stoughton Utilities is aware of numerous water metering plumbing arrangements inside customers' homes and businesses, or underground outside of the structure, that would not comply with current plumbing codes; and

WHEREAS, these installations can not only pose accessibility issues when servicing the water meter, but also potential danger to servicing technicians; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2020 the Utilities Committee recommended the amendment of Sections 74-15(a) and 74-15(b) and the creation of Sections 74-15 (c) through (e) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, relating to the placement of water metering facilities and the replacement of inaccessible metering facilities, as provided in Exhibit A;

ORDINANCE

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

1. Chapter 74 of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances is amended as provided in Exhibit A.

2. This ordinance will take effect upon adoption and publication or posting pursuant to law.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton at a meeting held on November 10, 2020.

APPROVED:

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Timothy Swadley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Licht, City Clerk

Posted: _____

Published: _____

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Business:

1. Wastewater 2019 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR)
2. Naming the Stoughton Utilities Director and/or the Stoughton Director of Finance/Comptroller as Authorized Representatives to File Applications for Financial Assistance from the State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund

Discussion followed.

Stoughton Utilities Proposed 2021 Budget and Five Year (2021 – 2025) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan: Stoughton Utilities and City staff presented and discussed the proposed 2021 Stoughton Utilities budget. Discussion followed. Stoughton Utilities and City staff presented and discussed the proposed 2021 five-year (2021-2025) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hirsch, the motion seconded by Jenson, to approve the Stoughton Utilities 2021 budget and the Stoughton Utilities 2021 five-year (2021-2025) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan and recommend approval to the Stoughton Common Council. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Ordinance to Amend Sections 74-15(a) and 74-15(b) and Create Sections 74-15 (c) through (e) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Placement of Water Metering Facilities and the Replacement of Inaccessible Metering Facilities: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed a draft ordinance that would require the standardization of existing water metering plumbing arrangements that would not meet current plumbing codes. This ordinance is being proposed in preparation for our upcoming lead service line replacement program. Inaccessible metering locations not only pose accessibility concerns when servicing the meter, but can also pose potential dangers to servicing technicians. Discussion followed.

Motion by Heili, the motion seconded by Jenson, to approve amending Sections 74-15(a) and 74-15(b) and creating Sections 74-15 (c) through (e) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, relating to the placement of water metering facilities and the replacement of inaccessible metering facilities, and recommend approval of the adopting ordinance to the Stoughton Common Council. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Ordinance to Amend Sections 74-2(a) and 74-2(b) and Create Sections 74-2 (g) through (h) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Replacement of Indirect Service Lateral Connections: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed a draft ordinance that would require privately-owned service connection lines be connected directly to the public system, and where any indirect service connections are discovered, provides a method to require such indirect connections be relocated to directly connect to the public system. This ordinance is intended to address scenarios where a home or building on one parcel has a water or sanitary sewer service line that connects to service line that provides service to a home or building on a neighboring parcel. Utilities staff is aware of several locations where such connections exist, and examples of the issues that can arise from such indirect connections were given. Discussion followed.

Motion by Heili, the motion seconded by Jenson, to approve amending Sections 74-2(a) and 74-2(b) and Create Sections 74-2 (g) through (h) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, relating to the replacement of indirect service lateral connections, and recommend approval of the adopting ordinance to the Stoughton Common Council. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Stoughton Utilities

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Date: October 13, 2020

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Jill M. Weiss, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Ordinance to Amend Sections 74-15(a) and 74-15(b) and Create Sections 74-15 (c) through (e) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Placement of Water Metering Facilities and the Replacement of Inaccessible Metering Facilities

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Currently, we have no enforcement mechanism to require property owners to correct these plumbing issues. As part of any lead service line replacement program, we will be working with customers to require replacement of lead service lines, and this poses an opportunity for us to have them correct any metering issues as well by having the new service line brought into an acceptable location.

The City Attorney has reviewed this draft ordinance and the suggested redlines and additions reflect the attorney recommendations.

An updated ordinance relating to the placement of water metering facilities and the replacement of inaccessible metering facilities has been drafted and is being presented to the committee for your review and approval. We are requesting that the Stoughton Utilities Committee approve the ordinance to amend Sections 74-15(a) and 74-15(b) and create Sections 74-15 (c) through (e) of the City of Stoughton Code of Ordinances, relating to the placement of water metering facilities and the replacement of inaccessible metering facilities, and recommend approval of the adopting ordinance to the Stoughton Common Council.

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EXHIBIT A

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(b) ~~If the owner or occupant of any premises, where the attaching and connection of a water meter may lawfully be required, shall neglect or fail to attach and connect such water meter, as is required according to~~ All premises served by the public water system shall have a water meter installed in accordance with this section if required by the rate and rules tariffs established by the ~~utilities committee~~Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The utilities director shall provide written notice of violation to the owner or occupant of any premises that does not have a water meter installed as required. If the owner or occupant who receives such notice fails to install a water meter as required within 30 days of receiving the notice, then ~~, for 30 days after the expiration of the time within which such owner or occupant shall have been notified by such utilities committee to attach and connect such meter, the utilities committee~~the utilities director may cause the water supply by the city to be cut off from the premises. Any water supply so cut off ~~, and it~~ shall not be restored except upon such terms and conditions as the ~~utilities committee~~utilities director shall prescribe.

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