

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: March 28, 2011
	Agenda Item No. 39 Roll Call No. <u>11-0540</u> Communication No. <u>11-188</u> Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager—Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Amendments to the Municipal Code to extend the Private Property Protection Program (PPPP) and a subsidy for qualifying plumbing work through June 30, 2014

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amendments to Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding Charges for Wastewater Collection and Treatment Services. These amendments of the Municipal Code extend the PPPP and a subsidy for customers of the Wastewater Collection System of the City of Des Moines until June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The City will subsidize property owners one time only in an amount up to \$1,000 maximum per property through the PPPP. An estimated 550 customers are anticipated to participate in this program each year at a cost of \$500,000 annually.

Funding Source: 2011-12 Operating Budget, Page 260, Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund EN101-Sanitary Sewer Debt, Capital, and ROI, PWK074013.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On November 24, 2008, the City Council approved roll call no. 08-2061 establishing the PPPP through June 30, 2011.

The PPPP makes a subsidy reimbursement to the property owners who meet the requirements of the program as listed in the key elements below. The reimbursement will be by direct payment of the qualifying subsidy to the property owner. The key elements of the PPPP include:

- (a) The PPPP will provide a maximum of a \$1,000 subsidy for the cost of any materials and labor for the improvements listed in Section c below to existing structures on private property.
- (b) The work must have been performed between the dates of July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2014.
- (c) The property improvements deemed qualifying for subsidy from the PPPP are limited to the installation of backwater valve, the disconnection of roof leaders from the sanitary sewer service, the installation or redirection of a sump pump to discharge flows from foundation drains and area drains to a non-sanitary sewer outlet such as a rain garden, storm sewer, or the ground surface.

- (d) The work must be performed by a licensed plumber.
- (e) The documentation of cost of the qualifying improvements shall include a copy of an itemized invoice from a licensed plumber or plumbing firm that details the work performed and a copy of the full payment.
- (f) A completed PPPP subsidy application form and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Des Moines Department of Public Works by no later than August 30, 2014. The account for the sanitary sewer fee charges on the property must be current as to payments at the time of application.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 24, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-2061

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding establishment of Personal Property Protection Program and Subsidy Credit for qualifying plumbing work. Moved by Vlassis that this ordinance do now pass, [#14,815](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 10, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1982

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding establishment of Personal Property Protection Program and Subsidy Credit for qualifying plumbing work. ([Council Communication No. 08-691](#)) Moved by Mahaffey that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage. Motion Carried 5-2.

Date: October 27, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1876

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding establishment of Personal Property Protection Program and Subsidy Credit for qualifying plumbing work. ([Council Communication No. 08-662](#)) Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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