ORDINANCE NO. 1677

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, OF THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY CODE RELATING TO WATER SERVICE

The City of Columbia Heights does ordain:

Section 3:
Sections § 4.303, § 4.304, § 4.306, § 4.312, § 4.313 and § 4.317 of the Columbia Heights City Code as they currently read are amended as follows:

ARTICLE III: WATER SERVICE

Section

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§ 4.301 COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS.

No person shall make, construct or install any water service installation, or make use of any water service connected to the water system except in the manner provided in this chapter, nor shall any person make, construct, install or make use of any installation connected to the water system contrary to the regulatory provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.302 WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS; PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.
§ 4.303 WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND DISCONNECTIONS; CHARGES; MANNER AND COSTS.

(A) Connection and disconnection charges.

(1) Water service for any premises, building or building unit, shall not be commenced or restarted until a connection fee in an amount set by resolution of the Council is paid to the Utility Billing Office, together with any delinquent water bills from past service to said building or building unit, and any unpaid and delinquent special assessments.

(2) Where separate water meters are installed to service separate locations or units within the same building, the provisions of this section relating to delinquent water bills shall only apply to those locations or units for which such delinquencies exist.

(3) The provisions of this section shall remain in full force and effect without regard to any private contractual agreements or responsibilities between individuals or firms, regarding the payment of water bills, and the providing of utility services.

(4) A disconnection fee as set by resolution of the Council shall be charged upon voluntary or involuntary termination of water service at any premises, building or building unit.

(B) Manner and costs.

(1) Taps or connections to the water mains shall be made by the Public Works Department at no extra cost to the applicant for taps up to and including one inch in size.

(2) Taps larger than one inch shall be made by applicant at the expense of the applicant.

(32) All taps and connections shall be left uncovered until inspected and tested by the Public Works Department. All connections shall conform with city specification.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.304 INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

All installations of services shall comply with the following:
(A) All services shall be constructed by a licensed plumber at the owner’s expense.

(B) Services three inches in diameter and less shall be “Type K” copper. All services larger
than three inches in diameter, shall be ductile iron.

(C) All taps two inches in diameter or smaller shall be made with the use of a corporation
stop designed for tapping under pressure.

(D) The maximum size corporation stop that can be tapped directly into the main is must be
approved by City staff prior to work commencing, and the use of a
restraining saddle may be required

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(E) The maximum size corporation stop that can be used with double-strap bronze service saddle
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(F) All taps other than those allowed in the preceding division shall be made only with
the use of an approved tapping sleeve and valve. Greater than 2” in size must be made with
the use of an approved tapping sleeve and valve.

(G) All corporation stops must have clear openings of the same diameter as the pipe
with which they are placed and be of a make and pattern approved by the Public Works
Department.

(H) All curb stops one inch and larger shall be of a manufacturer and model approved
by the Public Works Department, the Mueller Oriseal design or approved equal.

(I) All services must be placed not less than seven feet below finished grade; and each
service two inches in diameter and smaller shall have a Minneapolis pattern base curb stop
fitted with a stop box set on the property in the right-of-way 1 foot from the property line at
finished grade or proposed sidewalk.

(J) The stop box used shall have a Minneapolis base and be of a design approved by the
Public Works Department. Stop boxes on curb stops one and one-fourth inch diameter and
smaller shall have an unobstructed opening of one and one-half inch diameter. Curb stops
one and one-half inch diameter and larger shall have an unobstructed opening of a
minimum size as the service pipe. All stop boxes shall be fitted with a cover approved by
the Public Works Department. Every service pipe must have a shut-off valve placed
adjacent to and on the street side of the meter which must be kept in working order at all
times so that the water may be shut off by the occupant of the premises. Said valve shall be
no more than one foot from the inside wall of the structure. There shall also be a gate valve
placed on the outlet side of the water meter, not more than one foot from the meter so that the meter can be taken out or replaced without draining the plumbing system of the building. All valves shall have a clear opening the size of the inside diameter of the service pipe on which it is installed. 

(K) The minimum size water service allowed shall be one inch. 

(H-K) Plumbers shall leave all new water services shut off at the curb stop after completing the testing. Curb stops are to remain off until a water meter has been installed. 

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

(M) Cross Connection Control

1. The purpose of a cross-connection control program is to protect the health of water customers and the potable municipal water supply.

2. Cross-connections between the Columbia Heights municipal water system and other systems or equipment are prohibited, except when and where, as approved by the city of Columbia Heights, suitable backflow prevention devices are installed, tested and maintained to ensure proper operation on a continuing basis.

3. All property owners will provide access upon notice from the City of Columbia Heights for the purpose of performing a cross connection control survey.
   a. The results of the survey will identify any deficiencies in cross connection protection and property owners will be required to make the required repairs within 90 days of being notified. After completion of repairs the property owner must allow the city, or its agents, to reenter the property for the purpose of reinspection. All repairs, installation or alterations to existing plumbing will require a plumbing permit to be issued by the City of Columbia Heights.

4. A backflow prevention device is to be owned, tested and maintained in working condition by the customer/owner of the premises being served.

5. Installation, maintenance and testing of backflow preventers shall be according to the 2015 most recent Minnesota Plumbing Code, Chapter 4744 revision.
   a. Testing must be performed by a state certified backflow tester. All internal maintenance to the device must be performed by a state certified backflow prevention rebuilder. Test results shall be furnished to the city. The city's annual fee for administering a backflow preventer testing program shall be as established by city council resolution from time to time.

   b. A person who is recognized by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry as a backflow prevention tester or backflow prevention rebuilder is considered qualified by the City of Columbia Heights to test backflow preventers and certify them to be functional.
6. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be cause to discontinue water service in accordance with Division 19 – Section A. The City of Columbia Heights may also apply surcharges to utility bills in lieu of water shutoffs at its discretion and determination of the risk posed by non-compliance.

§ 4.305 RESTRICTIONS ON LAYING OF PIPES.
No customer shall be permitted to conduct water pipes across lots or buildings to adjoining properties; but all service pipes shall be laid on streets, alleys, or public ground to the properties to be served and entered at the front or rear when practical of the building nearest the main. All new services must be installed perpendicular to the water main from the main to the curb stop.
(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.306 SEPARATE SERVICE TO EACH BUILDING.
No new service shall be constructed and no existing service shall be changed in such manner that more than one building, and in the case of residential property one living unit, shall be on the same service pipe, without specific approval of the City Engineer. Whenever two or more parties are supplied from one pipe connecting with a service main in a single family home or duplex, each building or part of a building separately supplied shall have a separate stop box and a separate meter.
(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.307 SEPARATE CURB STOP REQUIRED FOR EACH BUILDING.
Owners of properties having water services which do not have separate curb stops and boxes for each building or which otherwise do not conform to the requirements in this chapter at the time of its passage may be required to put in such curb stop or make such other changes as are necessary to conform to these requirements, when so instructed by the City Engineer.
(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.308 TWO OR MORE SERVICES ON ONE CURB STOP.
Where there are two or more services on one curb stop the water will not be turned on for one service unless the service pipes supplying the entire premises are metered and the water bill is paid for each service. The property owner shall be held responsible for the water bill and any maintenance, repairs or replacements of the service line where more than one unit is served by one service line.
(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.309 MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVICE PIPES.
(A) It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain in good working order and/or replace service pipes, including curb stops, from the main to the meter.
(B) The property owner shall immediately repair any leak occurring in his their service pipe when the property owner is notified by the Public Works Department that the leak is in their service. Within 24 hours, the property owner shall provide the Department the name of the contractor that will make the repair and when the repair will be made, which repair must be completed within two days. If the repair has not been completed within three days from the date the property owner was first notified of the leak, the Public Works Department shall cause the work to be completed and the property owner will be billed for all expenses involved. If for some reason the work is deemed to be a hazard for the safety and welfare of the general public, the Public Works Department may cause the work to be completed immediately after discovering the leak, and bill all expenses to the customer.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.310 UNUSED SERVICE PIPE.

All service pipes that become useless or abandoned, including previously abandoned or unused services upon discovery of the same, must be permanently closed off and capped at the watermain by the property owner and so reported to the Public Works Department. In the event the property owner fails to shut off the service after being notified by certified mail, the Public Works Department may perform the necessary work and charge all expenses involved to the owner of the property.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.311 CONTROL OF WATER; DISCLAIMER; LIABILITY.

(A) Right to shut off water or vary water pressure. The Public Works Department reserves the right, at any time when necessary and without notice, to discontinue water supply or to vary water pressure for the purpose of making repairs or extensions or for any other purpose deemed to be in the best interest of the general public health and welfare. No claim shall be made against the City of Columbia Heights for any damage that may result from shutting off water or from varying the water pressure. The Public Works Department shall give notice prior to shutting off water if conditions are such that it is possible to do so.

(B) Pressure and supply not guaranteed. The Public Works Department does not guarantee the customer any fixed pressure or a continuous supply. In emergencies water may be shut off without notice.

(C) Disclaimer of liability. The City of Columbia Heights shall not be held responsible by reason of the breaking of any service pipe or apparatus, frozen water services, shut-off, fixtures within the premises, for failure in the supply of water, or variances in pressure.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91)

§ 4.312 WATER METERS.

(A) Requirements and installation.

(1) Except for extinguishing of fire, no person or other entity except authorized city employees shall use water from the water supply system or permit water to be drawn there
from unless the same be metered by passing through a meter furnished by the Public Works Department at the expense of such person or entity.

(2) The Public Works Department shall ensure that every customer and user of city water is provided with a properly installed water meter upon request therefore. All meters shall be installed by a licensed plumber or by the Public Works Department in accordance with the following rules:

(a) Meters shall be placed on the service pipe not to exceed one foot from the wall or floor where such pipe enters the premises;

(b) Valve installation requirements as set forth in § 4.304(j);

(c) The meter must be placed in a suitable place so as to keep it dry and clean, protected from frost;

(d) All meters shall be readily accessible, with a minimum of 3 feet on all sides, and above the meter to allow to the meter reader, inspectors and Public Works Department personnel adequate access and space to work and perform repairs.

(3) For purposes of enforcing the provisions of this code, delegated city officials upon presentation of proper identification shall have the authority to enter any premises during reasonable hours to read, inspect, maintain or replace said water meter.

(a) The owner shall allow the City’s employee, or assigned agent, to complete the inspection, repair or replacement within 30 days of written notice from the city that an inspection, repair or replacement of the meter is required.

(b) Upon a property owner’s failure to permit City personnel, or its assigned agent, onto the property to inspect, repair or replace the meter as required in this paragraph, a monthly surcharge in an amount duly adopted by the City Council and set forth in the City’s fee schedule shall be imposed against the property on which the meter is located. The monthly surcharge will be imposed for every month during which the compliance with this paragraph is not met and charged on the properties municipal utility billing statement, whether the non-compliance has existed for the entire month or a portion thereof.

(c) If a property owner does not allow access to the property for the inspection, repair or replacement of the water meter following the addition of the surcharges to the Utility Bill, with 30 days written notice to the property owner and any occupants or lessees, city staff can request permission from the City Council to shut off the water service to the property until access is granted subject to the provisions of the Cold Weather Rule M.S. § 216B.097.

(B) Requirements of seal.

| (1) | Every water meter shall be sealed by an employee of the city at the time of installation; and at any time thereafter where the seal has been broken. |
| (2) | No person shall break or remove said seal except an authorized employee of the Public Works Department, provided however, that a licensed plumber may break said seal for the purpose of making necessary repairs after being granted specific permission by the Public Works Department. |
— (3) Any broken seal or removed water meter shall be reported to the city within 24 hours of such action, or as soon as discovered.

(GB) Protection damage and repairs. The property owner or occupant of premises where a meter is installed shall be held responsible for its care and protection from freezing or hot water, and from other injury or interference from any person or persons. Meters that are liable to become damaged by hot water shall be protected by the installation of a reliable check and relief valve. In case of damage to the meter, or in case of its stoppage or imperfect working, the property owner or occupant shall give immediate notice to the office of the Public Works Department. All meters that are broken or damaged by negligence of owners or occupants of the premises, or by freezing, hot water, or other damage, including ordinary wear and tear, shall be repaired or replaced by the Public Works Department and the cost of repairs or replacement shall be paid by the owner or occupant.

(UC) Removal; replacement. Whenever a water meter is installed on a water service in a premise that is to be remodeled, removed, or destroyed, or where the service is discontinued so that the water meter is no longer needed, the owner of such premises shall give notice to the Public Works Department to remove such meter, and free access to such meter must be provided so that the meter may be removed. If the meter is lost or damaged, the owner of the premises shall be required to replace the same at the replacement value.

(ED) Tampering prohibited; estimation of bill. No one shall in any way interfere with the proper registration of a water meter. If any meter is found to have been tampered with, the water bill shall be estimated for the period and the meter repaired and tested at the property owner’s expense. A surcharge in an amount duly adopted by the City Council and set forth in the City’s fee schedule shall be imposed against the property on which the meter is located. Upon repetition of the offense, it will be optional with the Public Works Department to discontinue the water service or collect the amount estimated due. The basis of estimating the bill shall be on the amount of the largest quarter billed in the preceding year from the date of the tampering of the meter. If no prior bill for the current property owner exists, City staff will propose a reasonable alternative estimate to be approved by the City Council. An escalating surcharge in an amount duly adopted by the City Council and set forth in the City’s fee schedule shall be imposed against the property on which the meter is located for each additional offense.

(FE) Meter testing. In case there is doubt as to the accuracy of a water meter on the part of the customer, he they may have the meter tested by the Public Works Department by an organization equipped to accurately perform the test, at which test he they may be present if he they so desires. If the meter is found to register within 2% of being correct a charge will be made to pay for the labor cost of making such tests, plus a testing fee in an amount duly adopted by the City Council and set forth in the City’s fee schedule. If the meter is found to measure 2% or more incorrectly, no charge shall be made for making the test. If the meter should be found to over-register more than 2%, there shall be a proportional deduction made from the previous water bill. A water meter shall be considered to register satisfactorily when it registers within 2% of accuracy.
Remote meter registers. When remote registers have been installed, and there is a conflict between the inside meter reading and the remote register reading, the inside meter reading shall prevail as the actual reading for billing purposes.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.313 SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES; RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) Charges. The Council shall by resolution fix all charges and penalties for late payment for water and sewer service and for garbage and rubbish hauling rates for dwellings and shall similarly fix the rates by which such charges shall be computed. All such utility bills may be collected as provided for water billing by division (C) of this section. Volume charges for water and sewer service for periods for which an accurate meter reading is not available, will be estimated at the highest quarterly reading in the preceding year, adjusted for any unusual use. If no prior consumption history for the current property owner exists, City staff will propose a reasonable alternative estimate to be approved by the City Council.

(B) Owner liability for charges. In billing water service the rates shall be applied separately for the consumption through each meter. The property owner shall be liable for water supplied to the property owner’s property, whether the owner is occupying the property or not, and any charges unpaid shall be a lien upon the property.

(C) Statements; delinquent bills, shut-off for non-payment; resumption of services.

(1) Accounting. The administration services of the city shall provide for a method of periodic accounting and recording of water consumed at each metered location throughout the city. Bills shall then be calculated to include connecting and disconnecting charges; meter replacement charges; minimum charges for availability of water services, regardless of connection or usage; and consumption charges as necessary and appropriate for revenue for the maintenance and operation of the city water works facilities.

(2) Statements. The administrative service shall mail said water bills to the owner at the address listed for each specified meter location or to such address as the owner of record may request in writing.

(3) Due date. Water bills are due and payable on the tenth day of the month following the date of the postmark invoice date. Any bill not paid by the close of business on the tenth day of the month following its mailing is delinquent, at which time a charge established by the City Council shall be added to the billing. Partial payments shall be considered as payment towards most dated amounts billed.

(4) Delinquent bills. The administrative service shall ascertain all water bills that are delinquent after the tenth day of the month and send notice of such delinquency to the occupant of the metered location by the twentieth day of the same month. If such bill remains unpaid at the last day of the month in which the delinquency notice was sent, the administrative service shall send a second written notice of such delinquency. Said notice shall include a statement that water service will be discontinued unless full payment is received fees and interest will be applied if the delinquent bill is not paid in full by the due date, and tenth day of the month following the month in which the first delinquency notice was mailed. Before the water will be turned on, the entire account, including any current charges must be paid along with and including the charge established by the Council for turning the water off and
on. Water will be turned on only during regular working hours. If water bills are not paid, the
bills may be levied against the owner’s property and certified for collection with
against property taxes annually. Prior to turning the water back on, and proof of levy
payment must be provided to the administrative service prior to said service being turned back
on.

(5) Shut-off for non-payment. Water service may be discontinued at any time thereafter,
subject to the following exceptions: Service may not be discontinued in this manner for:

(a) Any tenant, lessee, or individual occupant of a multiple dwelling or commercial
building which does not have a separate meter for each separate tenant, lessee, or occupant
unit.

(b) Any person who has filed with the Finance Director a written protest of the amount
billed, either in whole or in part, together with the reasons or basis for such protest.

(c) Any person who is subject to the Cold Weather Rule, M.S. § 216B.097, as it may be
amended from time to time.

(6) Shut-off for non-payment under subdivision (C)(5)(a).

(a) Water service may be discontinued under circumstances described in subdivision
(C)(5)(a) by providing 30 days’ written “Final Notice” to each individual tenant, lessee or
occupant.

(b) Upon expiration of 25 days of said 30-day period, additional written notice shall be
provided to each individual tenant, lessee, or occupant indicating whether the delinquent water
bills remain unpaid.

(7) Shut-off for non-payment under subdivision (C)(5)(b). Under circumstances described
in subdivision (C)(5)(b), the administrative service shall investigate the basis for the protest and
issue a report of its findings to the aggrieved party. When so warranted by the results of the
investigation, water service may thereafter be terminated upon 24 hours’ notice.

Certification of delinquent bills. The Council may certify unpaid and delinquent water
bills to the County Auditor annually for collection pursuant to the provisions of M.S. § 444.075,
as it may be amended from time to time.

(6) Shut-off for non-payment:

(a) The water service to any property that is not subject to collection pursuant to the special
assessment provisions of M.S. § 444.07, is subject to shut-off for non-payment upon 30 days’
written notice to the property owner and any occupants or lessees, subject to the provisions of
the Cold Weather Rule M.S. § 216B.097.

(b) Any disconnection fee established by the City Council under section 4.303(4) above applies
to shut-off for non-payment under this section.

(c) Reinstatement of water service following shut-off for non-payment requires either payment
in-full of the delinquent amount. Reinstatement following a change in ownership requires
payment in-full.

(D) Water service bills payable at Finance Department. All bills for water and other services
are payable at the office of the Finance Department during regular working hours, or as
otherwise provided by said Finance Department.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91)
§ 4.314 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.
Any customer desiring to discontinue the use of water must notify the Finance Department in writing. The Public Works Department shall turn off the water, subject to any fees established. (Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91)

§ 4.315 REINSTAMENT OF SERVICE.
No firm, company or corporation or individuals from whose premises the water shall have been shut off shall turn the water on without permission from the Public Works Department. (Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91)

§ 4.316 FIRE SERVICES.
(A) Construction. The construction of fire services shall be allowed as provided under the building code and Inspection Department. Separate services are required for both Fire and Domestic water use, and Detectors shall be installed on any separate fire service line.

(B) Activation of detector flow meter. When the detector flow meter is activated by flow through the fire system, it shall be the duty of the property owner or occupant to notify the Public Works Department within 24 hours thereafter.

(C) Limitation of size. The Public Works Department shall reserve the right to limit the size of fire protection services where the street mains are of such size as to make it necessary in order to protect public interest.

(D) Prohibited use. In any case when the owner or occupant of any premises are found to be using water from a fire service for other purposes than fire protection, such act shall be cause for requiring metering of the fire service with a meter specified by the Public Works Department, at the expense of the owner. Estimated usage shall be billed to the property owner pursuant to section § 4.313(A)2-(G).

(E) Requirement of meter. The Public Works Department reserves the right at any time to require the property owner of the premises supplied with fire services to furnish and install, at his/her expense and under the direction of the Public Works Department an approved water meter and to keep the same in accurate operating condition, if it finds it necessary to do so to protect the public interest. (Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91)

§ 4.317 FIRE HYDRANTS.
(A) Permit requirements. No person other than an authorized city employee shall use a fire hydrant without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Public Works Department.

(B) Flushing streets and sewers. Hydrants used for construction purposes or for flushing sewers and streets shall have a reducing coupling attached to the nozzle of the hydrant with an independent throttling valve for regulating the supply. A Backflow preventer must be
available that has been tested within the past year and found to be operating properly must be installed at the hydrant or the vehicle.

(C) Opening hydrants. Hydrants shall be opened only with a numbered hydrant spanner.

(D) Use as temporary service by contractors. Temporary service from fire hydrants is available for contractors. A meter will be obtained from the Public Works Department and a charge shall be made for hook-up. The charges for such water service shall be at the same rate as other services. Responsibility for the safety of and security of the meter lies with the contractor. The contractor shall place a deposit for the replacement value of the meter with the Public Works Department at the time of the request for application, and an escrow payment will be made for estimated water usage.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319

§ 4.318 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(A) Water supply from two sources; private supply substituted for city water. On premises where water is supplied from two sources, the city water being one of the systems, the piping system for city water must be entirely separated from that of the other source. If other than city water is to be furnished on premises previously supplied with city water, the property owner or his plumber must give notice at the office of the Public Works Department. If approval is given the owner or their plumber when he will make this change and must also cut off the water supply at the corporation stop and disconnect the service pipe.

(B) Disconnection of direct connection of two sources. Premises now having direct connection between the city water supply and another supply shall forthwith disconnect the same.

(C) Requirements of safety devices. Customers are required to equip boilers, heating plants, and refrigeration machinery with safety devices and/or backflow preventers; or provide auxiliary supplies.

(D) Repairs to comply with provisions. Repairs made to existing services shall cause such service to conform in every respect with this chapter.

(E) Accuracy of information not guaranteed. Such information as may be obtained from the records, maps, employees, and the like, of the Public Works Department relative to the location of water mains and service pipes will be furnished to licensed plumbers and interested parties, but the Public Works Department does not guarantee the accuracy of the same.

(F) Restriction of water use. The Public Works Department reserves the right to prohibit the use of water for yard sprinklers, elevators, air conditioners, coolers, and large consumers of water when in the judgment of the Public Works Department it shall be necessary to do so for the protection of public interest.

(G) Provisions considered part of every contract. The foregoing rules and regulations shall be considered a part of the contract for every person who takes water supplied by the City of Columbia Heights, and shall be considered as having expressed his agreement to be bound thereby.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91) Penalty, see § 4.319
§ 4.319 PENALTY.

(A) Any person, firm, or corporation who violates or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this article, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in § 1.999. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article is liable to the city for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the city by reason of such violation.

(Ord. 1227, passed 8-26-91)

First Reading: April 11, 2022
Offered by: Novitsky
Seconded by: Murzyn, Jr.
Roll Call: All Ayes

Second Reading: April 25, 2022
Offered by: Buesgens
Seconded by: Novitsky
Roll Call: All Ayes

Date of Passage: April 25, 2022

[Signature]
Mayor Amáda Márquez Simula

Attest:

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Sara Ion, City Clerk
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1677

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III OF THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY CODE RELATING TO WATER SERVICE

The City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota adopted Ordinance No. 1677 on April 25, 2022.

The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to amend Sections 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, and 17 of Article III to meet the requirements of new nationwide laws and to bring the ordinance in line with the statewide plumbing code.

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 1677. A copy of the entire text of the Ordinance is available for public inspection during regular office hours at City Hall, by standard electronic mail, or at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov.

Attest:

Saraton, City Clerk/Council Secretary

Mayor Amáda Márquez Simula
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICES
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By: [Signature]
Designated Agent

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me on 05/06/2022 by Karen Nelson.

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Notary Public

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