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MEMO

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To: Board of Public Works

From: Tim Young, Pretreatment Coordinator

Subject: **Amendment of Sewer Use Ordinance, Chapter 29**

This draft amendment of Chapter 29 is a significant revision that has been in development for the past four years. Portions of our current sewer use ordinance needed to be clarified and updated, with some sections expanded to reflect current regulations and practice. The ordinance also needed be strengthened by adding details to enhance user compliance and City enforcement.

The draft ordinance has been thoroughly vetted through a process of reviews by the Department of Public Works, the City Attorney, Finance, the Building Division, the Water Utility, and our sewer rates consultant, Ehlers, Inc. The ordinance language was also evaluated for consistency with current guidance and regulations promulgated by State and Federal regulatory agencies. The draft ordinance was submitted for review to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which issued the attached approval letter on March 1, 2018.

Following is a summary of the major changes in the draft ordinance:

- Incorporated mandatory Federal and State pretreatment program Streamlining modifications
- Reorganized sections to consolidate related material
- Added definitions to clearly delineate user classifications and types of wastewater
- Added a section on intermunicipal connections
- Expanded sections on prohibited connections, private and building sewers, emergency repairs, right of entry, inspections and safety
- Modified allowance for an upper-range pH variance upon City approval for individual industrial users
- Updated section on mercury minimization
- Added procedures for approval of temporary discharge of contaminated groundwater and outdoor equipment wash water
- Expanded the Department's authority to regulate waste haulers and enforce the hauled waste program
- Clarified reporting requirements for industrial users and how the City interprets analytical data for enforcement
- Restructured section on enforcement procedures to target specific prohibitions in the ordinance, and to be consistent with the City Attorney's recommendations

Our Department is grateful for the collaborative effort and input from other City departments in developing this proposed amendment, and strongly recommends its approval.

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