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Committee: Board of Public Works	Date: 3/8/2018
Common Council Item Number: ID #18-0338	Date: 3/20/2018
Submitted By: Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 29, Sewer Use and Wastewater Treatment	

Details:

Chapter 29 was created in 1987 and has had several amendments since then. The purpose of the ordinance remains the same: to preserve the maximum use of the system for sewer users while protecting the integrity of our water resources. The ordinance accomplishes this purpose through the regulation of connections and discharges to the sanitary sewer system, and the recovery of costs associated with operating and maintaining the collection system and Clean Water Plant. The attached draft revision strengthens and clarifies the authority of the Department of Public Works to carry out these objectives, and organizes the objectives into relevant groupings. It also incorporates certain Streamlining Rules recently mandated by EPA and DNR.

Attachments:

1. Chapter 29 Sewer Use and Wastewater Treatment – Draft
2. Memo to Board of Public Works
3. DNR Approval Letter

Options & Alternatives:

This amended ordinance will help ensure that the Department continues to have the authority and resources needed to provide quality services, to operate in the best interest of the City, and to meet its current regulatory requirements. DNR has reviewed and approved the draft ordinance. Maintaining the current ordinance would restrict the ability of the Department to achieve these objectives, and could increase the potential for legal challenges by users.

Financial Remarks:

Section 29.11, Financial Management, Metering and Billing has been expanded to further define and clarify the essential components for reviewing and applying sewer rates and fees. Section 29.12, Sewer Service Charges and Fees was significantly revised in 2014 and remains almost unchanged in this draft except for minor changes to some of the terms to be consistent with the definitions.

Executive Recommendation:

Approve the proposed amendment to Chapter 29 and refer it to the Ordinance & License Committee.

