

ORDINANCE NO.: 5367

AN ORDINANCE to create Chapter 46, Article II, Subsection 44 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Fire Suppression System Coordination and Testing.

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has adopted the National Public Fire Protection (NFPA) Code. (Wis. Admin. SPS 314.001; La Crosse Ordinance Sec. 18-64), and

WHEREAS, NFPA Section 4.1.4 requires property owners or their designated representative to notify the authority having jurisdiction (The La Crosse Water Utility), and the fire department before testing or shutting down a system or its supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Chapter 46, Article II, Section 44 is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 46-44. Fire Suppression System Coordination and Testing.

- (a) Purpose: The purpose of this Section is to ensure that adequate water supply and pressure are maintained for all customers, as well as to minimize service disruptions, particularly during high-volume fire suppression system testing or operation.
- (b) Capacity Coordination Requirement: All customers operating or planning to install, a fire suppression system capable of drawing 1,500 gallons per minute (GPM) or more must perform a hydraulic analysis to ensure system capability with water services and provide the results to the Water Utility.
- (c) Advance Notification of Testing and Timing of Testing
 - (1) Customers with fire suppression systems capable of 1,500 GPM or more shall provide advance notification prior to testing. Notification shall be with the Water Utility Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent and be at least 10 business days in advance of any scheduled testing. The Customer and the Water Utility shall agree on the time of day to conduct the testing.
 - (2) Fire suppression system testing for 1,500 GPM systems or more shall only be conducted within 60 days after the most recent Water Utility routine hydrant flushing in the area.
 - (3) The Utility will provide the customer with a hydrant flushing schedule upon request.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

_____/s/_____
Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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