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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Bernard Lenz, Utility Manager
Date: 05/22/2020
Subject: Ordinance Change: Parcel Splits Notification

The standards are set forth in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.52(2)(b) Single Connections, and in Schedule X-1, Water Utility Operating Rules states: "A customer's line shall be directly connected to utility-owned facilities, and there shall be no other customer connection downstream from the utility's shut-off valve."

This means that normally there should be just one utility billing customer per shut-off valve and/or each billing customer shall connect directly to facilities owned by the utility (see example in sketch below). The Utility is mandated to enforce this rule and becomes financially liable for future issues if the Utility allows a parcel split to occur that violates the law.

This ordinance change allows the Utility to learn about and work with a parcel owner prior to the parcel split, such that the requestor is aware of the law, and Utility staff can either work with them to perform the split in a manner that complies with the law or make them aware of the need and cost of the additional water service required to comply.

Two Customers One Lateral

Noncomplying Configuration

