

CODES AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Of the Rochester City Council

Thursday May 1, 2013

City Council Chambers

31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Councilor Peter Lachapelle, Chair
Councilor Elaine Lauterborn, Vice Chair
Councilor Ray Varney
Councilor Robert Gates
Councilor Derek "Mac" Kittredge

Others Present

Councilor Hamann
Councilor Walker
Councilor Gray
Joshua Keays, Resident
Shanna Gray, Resident

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Councilor Lachapelle called the Codes and Ordinances Committee Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM. All committee members were present.

2. Public Input

Councilor Lachapelle asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address the issue of the Public Hearing, Chapter 17, Water Leakage Prevention. There was no discussion.

3. Amendment to Chapter 17 – Water Leakage Prevention

**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17 OF THE GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER
REGARDING WATER LEAKAGE PREVENTION,
MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The ordinance amendments, if adopted, would establish certain procedures designed to deal with water conservation issues by recognizing that treated drinking water supplied to residential, commercial and industrial customers by the City through the Rochester Water Works distribution system is a valuable public resource, which is protected against waste by leakage occurring outside of the water distribution

located on/within City owned and/or controlled property. The proposed amendments to Chapter 17 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester, entitled "Water", would, if adopted:

- (a) Amend Section 17.2 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester (the "GOCR") to define the term "Water Leakage" for purposes of Chapter 17 GOCR;
- (b) Amend Section 17.3 of the GOCR of Chapter 17, entitled "Policy Statement", by adding a provision recognizing that treated drinking water supplied to Rochester's water customers through the Rochester Water Works distribution system is a valuable public resource, which needs to be conserved by water customers against loss through leakage occurring on the customer's property (or on other private property over which the customer's water service extends); and
- (c) Would adopt a new provision of Chapter 17 of the GOCR, to be designated as Section 17.20-A of the GOCR which would establish a procedure designed to (a) reduce water leakage on private property; (b) establish a system of notification by the City to customers experiencing unexplained increases in water consumption associated with customers account, and (3) establishing the responsibility of the customer to check for potential leakage on the customer's property (or on other private property over which the customer's water service extends) and to fix any leak detected and/or to report to the City the cause for the increased consumption, among other responsibilities and consequences.

4. Adjournment

Councilor Varney **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM. Councilor Gates seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carignan
Assistant City Clerk