

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 046, 2024, Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Clarify Terminology Regarding Control Valves and Water Service and Fire Lines.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to clarify and make consistent certain terminology in City Code. This item will remove “curb stop” from City Code, to be replaced by “control valve.” Replacement of this terminology removes any potential assumption that a water control valve on a service or fire line must have proximity to a street or sidewalk curb to define ownership of the valve and of the line extending from the valve.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The City (through Utilities) owns and is responsible for water mains that convey treated water. These water mains have service and fire lines that branch off to convey water to customers’ properties. The service and fire lines have control valves on them that are owned by the City and intended to control the flow of water to the customers’ structures and property. The service or fire line between the control valve and the property or structure is owned by and the responsibility of the property or structure owner. Ownership of the control valve and the service line is independent of the valve’s proximity to a “curb.” However, City Code currently uses both the terms “curb stop” and “control valve” to refer to these control valves. Removal of the term “curb stop” eliminates potential misinterpretation of ownership as being dependent on a control valve’s proximity to a street or sidewalk curb. The term “curb stop” will be replaced with the term “control valve,” which will now be defined.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Water Commission recommended adoption of the proposed Code revisions at its February 15, 2024, meeting.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Water Commission Draft Minutes, February 15, 2024 (Excerpt)