



**CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** August 5, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Water Service Line Ownership

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**DISCUSSION:**

Staff would like to talk with the Council about the current water service line ownership format for the City.

The current ordinance, 90.12 – Responsibility for Water Service Pipe, reads, “All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection, and maintenance of the water service pipe from the main to the building being served shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation or maintenance of said water service pipe.”

Staff feels we should consider modifying that language so that the City is responsible from the main to the Curb Stop (which is generally installed at the private individual's property line), and then the building owner would be responsible from the Curb Stop into the building. This would put the costs for repairs to these water service lines on the City rather than on the residents, but we are not confident that asking private citizens (our customers) to bear the costs of road pavement removal and replacement when a service line fails between the main and the Curb Stop is prudent.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.