



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

**FROM:** Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 12, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:** Chapter 90 Water Service System Amendments - 1st Reading

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### **BACKGROUND:**

At the August 5, 2024, City Council Work Session, Staff discussed the current water service line ownership format with the City Council. During that meeting, Staff agreed to bring forward a modification to the current Code of Ordinances to update the ownership so that the City is responsible from the main up to and including the Curb Valve, and the property owner would be responsible from the Curb Valve to the building being served. This was also discussed during the May 5, 2025, City Council Work session, where the draft ordinance was presented for the first time.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Attached is an Ordinance modifying section 90.12 of the code concerning responsibility, as well as modifying section 90.11 to require a 1" min Type K Copper service line from the main to the Curb Valve and a 1" min. Type K Copper or PEX with tracer wire service line from the Curb Valve to the building being served.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Expanding and Enhancing Infrastructure and Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by ensuring that the City is responsible for replacing water service lines within the Public Right of Way so that property owners are not responsible for repairing streets when a water main may be on the opposite side of the roadway.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

Once the new supplement has been mailed to City Hall, fees will need to be paid to Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification. Additional publication costs will also be incurred.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Chapter 90 – Water Service System.

Staff recommends a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance, which amends provisions pertaining to Chapter 90 – Water Service System, placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspaper.