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TO: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Chair
Public Works and Facilities Committee

THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director

FROM: Brian McGuire, Utilities Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Code Revision – Removal of Thawing Services to Reflect Current Practices

In 2011, CBJ Water Utilities decommissioned its thaw unit after determining that repairs and replacement costs were prohibitive. Previously, CBJ offered thawing services to customers for their service lines on private property for a nominal fee; however, given the high operating and maintenance costs, the program was discontinued upon the unit's decommissioning.

Since thawing services for private property are not a core function of the Utility and are provided by local plumbers, the Utility was comfortable discontinuing this service, especially considering budget constraints. It has now been nearly 15 years since thawing services were last provided.

As part of a general housekeeping effort, we request that the section of the code referencing thawing services, currently under 75.01.210 "Thawing and Other Miscellaneous Charges," be amended to simply read 75.01.210 "Miscellaneous Charges." With minor edits to the section of code to remove references to thawing. This revision would reflect the discontinuation of the thawing service and would improve operational clarity and would ensure that the code remains up to date with current and relevant practices.

Action Requested

Staff requests the revisions to City Code Chapter 75.01.210 – THAWING AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES be forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

Attachment:

Ordinance 2025-11 vPWFC (Amendment of 75.01.210 Thawing)