

# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 626-2013

Meeting Date: November 5, 2013

**From: MAYOR**

**Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA APPROVING SUBMISSION BY THE ANCHORAGE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY (AWWU) ON BEHALF OF THE ANCHORAGE WATER UTILITY (AWU) AND THE ANCHORAGE WASTEWATER UTILITY (ASU) OF PROPOSED TARIFF REVISIONS TO RULE 10 OF THE AWU AND ASU TARIFFS REGARDING LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENTS TO THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA.**

In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 4.80.020E.5. the Administration is submitting an ordinance concurrent with this memorandum for review and approval by the Assembly of submission by the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility (AWWU or the Utility) of proposed tariff revisions to Rule 10 of the AWU and ASU Tariffs regarding line extension agreement to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA).

AWWU proposes one rule change to the ASU Tariff and several textual changes to increase clarity and provide consistency between the AWU and ASU Tariffs.

**AWWU proposes the following changes to the ASU Tariff:**

Rule 10.1.A – The proposed revisions to Rule 10.1.A reflect revised language to be consistent with the language contained in the AWU Tariff. The revised language explains in greater detail the criteria for commencing construction as it applies to neighboring parcels, explicitly states construction is at the owner's expense, and cites the applicable portions of Alaska Statutes and Anchorage Municipal Code. The proposed changes to this rule are text only and have no impact on the utility's customers as they are consistent with current policies and practices.

Rule 10.1.C – The proposed revision to Rule 10.1.C would change the sewer line extension requirement from requiring entire frontage to requiring at least one full side be fronted. The revised language would make ASU Tariff consistent with AWU Tariff and Anchorage Municipal Code 26.50.160. The revision will benefit property owners extending infrastructure to their parcels in instances where their property is a corner lot. Currently, property owners extending water and sewer infrastructure must have the water main extension front only one side of the parcel, but the sewer main extension must front the entire frontage of the parcel. In the case of a corner lot, this means the sewer main must front more than one side. There is no technical reason for the discrepancy between AWU Tariff and ASU Tariff. The proposed

1 revision has no financial impact on the utility and will save new sewer customers in  
2 this situation construction costs by minimizing the amount of infrastructure required.  
3 Rule 10.1.C. has also been updated with the full name of the design criteria manual,  
4 the Design and Construction Practices Manual (DCPM).

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6 **AWWU proposes the following changes to the AWU Tariff:**

7 Rule 10.1.B – The proposed revisions to Rule 10.1.B reflect revised language to be  
8 consistent with the language contained in the ASU Tariff and the DCPM. The  
9 revised language changes the requirement that design, inspection and contract  
10 administration be performed by an engineer to a requirement that design, inspection  
11 and contract administration be performed by a registered, professional engineer.  
12 The proposed change to this rule is text only and has no impact on customers as it  
13 is consistent with the utility's current policies and practices.

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15 AWWU will submit Tariff Advice Filings, attached as Exhibits A and B, to the  
16 Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) upon Assembly approval of the proposed  
17 resolution. The RCA will then notice the filing and proposed tariff revisions to the  
18 public and allow a thirty day comment period. RCA staff will review the filing and the  
19 Commission will take into account the RCA staff recommendation and will render a  
20 decision whether to approve the filing or suspend the filing for further investigation.

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23 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION BY**  
24 **THE ANCHORAGE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY OF PROPOSED**  
25 **TARIFF REVISIONS TO THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA.**

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