

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 2022

To: Water Utility Board

From: Peter Braselton, Mapping/GIS Coordinator
Krishna Kumar, General Manager

Subject: Lead Water Service Line Ordinance Amendment

BACKGROUND:

On May 26, 2022, the Water Utility Board (Board) considered an item to amend Section 13.18 of the Madison General Ordinances (MGO) to update the existing Lead Water Service Line Replacement Ordinance to mitigate two issues: 1) rising cost of replacement and 2) enforcement for non-compliance (File # 70676). The Board at that time had asked staff to bring the item back later with additional clarifications.

However, on reconsideration of the matter, staff now believe that there is no need to revise the existing ordinance based primarily on the fact that most of our lead services have already been replaced.

The City Attorney's office has advised the Utility staff that in order to complete that legislative journey of Legislation Details File # 70676 properly (in compliance with MGO Sec. 2.05 – a new ordinance adopted in 2021), the Board needs to consider this item one more time and formally choose to place the matter on file without prejudice.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board to formally choose to “place the matter on file without prejudice” to complete the legislative journey in accordance with MGO Sec. 2.05. Subsequent to the Board action, the City Clerk's Office will put it on the Common Council's agenda on Oct. 11, 2022 with the same recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Legislation Details File # 70676