



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council  
**From:** Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Pam Funk, Assistant City Administrator  
**Date:** August 1, 2005  
**Subject:** ORDINANCE – Water Rate Ordinance Change

**List of committees that have reviewed:** Public Works Committee

**Background:** The City of O'Fallon has changed its billing period for water from quarterly to monthly. The existing ordinance addresses quarterly billing, and the changes are to reflect the new monthly billing. Additionally, the minimum requirements of the Illinois Plumbing Code must be met for sizing of meters. In the past, homeowners were reluctant to purchase 1" meters for domestic use due to the 30,000 gallon per quarter minimum purchase. This led to 5/8" and 3/4" meters being overflowed and not recording correct readings for larger homes and properties during peak demands. The ordinance changes address that problem as well.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** None.

**Budget Impact:** There may be a slight impact to water proceeds as the minimum billing of 30,000 gallons per quarter is replaced with 1,000 gallon per month.

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends amendment of the ordinance.