



TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Hydrant Maintenance Costs

DATE: March 4, 2016

Question #11: Is this the ordinance that requires the general fund absorb hydrant maintenance costs?

https://www.municode.com/library/mi/ann_arbor/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIITUTSE_CH29WASESTRA_2_70SEC

Is the purpose of hydrant maintenance for fire suppression or for water system maintenance? (Councilmember Warpehoski)

Response: Yes, the link is correct. Per section 2:70 of Chapter 29, the City is required to pay the same water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater rates and charges for service as would be payable by a private customer for the same service. Maintenance is done to ensure hydrants are available for fire protection. This includes fire hydrant maintenance of \$8.00 per year per hydrant. The hydrants serve no benefit to the water system and are used for the sole purpose of fire protection; therefore, are inappropriate costs for the utility.