

Public Hearing: October 27, 2003

## **F A C T   S H E E T**

**TITLE:** Ordinance to amend LMC Chapter 17.14, Connections Outside the City

**SPONSOR:** Public Works & Utilities

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**  
None

**OPPONENTS:** None Identified

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**APPLICANT:** Public Works & Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** Amending Section 17.14.030 to require only above ground meter structures be allowed based on certain design standards to protect against freezing and eliminate safety hazards associated with confined spaces.

An operative date of January 1, 2004 is requested.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

This Chapter is seldom used because of the policy prohibiting connections made outside the corporate limits of the City. It is amended to be similar to language proposed in Chapter 17.18 for connections made within the corporate limits of the city. The purpose of this legislation is to eliminate the use of meter pits which are considered to be a safety hazard and are not conducive to proper meter and backflow preventer assembly maintenance and testing; and are not well suited to automatic meter reading equipment. A similar amendment is also proposed for Chapter 17.18 for meter and backflow prevention assemblies installed within the City of Lincoln.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** The Lincoln Water System has promoted the use of above ground meter and backflow preventer assembly structures for sometime. If legislation is approved, LWS intends to work with existing customers who have pits, to convert to the new standard.

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**  
**CITY:** N/A

**NON CITY:** N/A

**BENEFIT COST:** N/A

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

Jerry Obrist, Chief Engineer of Water Works

**REVIEWED BY:**

Director of Public Works/Utilities