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Public Comment

Comment Regarding City-Wide Water Meter Replacement Project

(Agenda Item IX.B.)

I am submitting this comment to document a resident-impact concern related to the proposed city-wide water meter replacement project.

As described in the project materials, replacement of all existing water meters will occur across both residential and commercial properties, with coordination required between the City and individual property owners. In Saint Anthony Village, water meters are located inside owner-occupied homes, not solely in multi-unit or exterior installations.

The materials provided focus appropriately on infrastructure lifecycle, accuracy, and technology upgrades. However, they do not yet address resident-facing considerations associated with repeated interior installations in private homes — including consent protocols, accessibility and disability accommodations, safety concerns, or the long-term sustainability of requiring interior access every technology cycle.

I am not submitting this comment in opposition to infrastructure maintenance. Rather, I am documenting for the record that these resident-impact considerations warrant evaluation during the planning and specification phase, before bids are finalized, so that the project design aligns with long-term sustainability and diverse household needs.

This comment is submitted for record preservation and future planning consideration.