

ORDINANCE #65815
Board Bill No. 432

AN ORDINANCE, authorizing an increase in the surcharge imposed by Ordinance 59363 and as amended by Ordinance 63653, relating to the special account established for the repair of certain residential water lines and appurtenances, and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, a special account was established pursuant to Ordinance 59363 for the repair of certain residential water lines and authorized a surcharge of up to \$3.00 per quarter to fund said account, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 61172, approved December 21, 1988, reduced the initial program surcharge from \$2.00 to \$1.00 per quarter due to a surplus of funds in the program account, and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance 59363 and as amended by Ordinance 63653 authorized the Board of Aldermen to increase said surcharge upon recommendation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment after receiving a report from the Water Commissioner that the current level of surcharge will be insufficient to meet the anticipated costs of the program, and

WHEREAS, on or about May 1, 1999, the Water Commissioner reported a need for additional funds in said account to cover the requirements of the program, which caused the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to recommend an increase in the surcharge from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per quarter which was thereafter approved by the Board of Aldermen as Ordinance 64721, and

WHEREAS, on or about January 1, 2003, the Water Commissioner reported a need for additional funds due to the expanded requirements mandated by Ordinance 63653, which caused the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to recommend an increase in the surcharge from \$2.00 per quarter to \$3.00 per quarter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. Pursuant to Section 7 of Ordinance 59363 approved February 5, 1985, and as amended by Ordinance 63653 approved February 27, 1996, the surcharge established in Section 2 of said Ordinance 59363 is increased to its maximum level of \$3.00 per quarter.

SECTION TWO. This being an ordinance relating to a public work and improvement and to provide the preservation of the public health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure as defined by Article IV, Section 20 of the City Charter, and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: February 14, 2003