



Memo

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director
DATE: May 4, 2018
SUBJECT: Discussion of Remote Shutoff Meters

The pending installation of remote shut-off meters, Sensus Ally in some of the apartment / rental locations that do not have separate shut offs has given rise to a consideration of possibly revisiting the City Code to help incentivize this replacement with the landlords. The first round of 40 Ally meters was purchased this Spring as a trial and an effort to address the more frequent shut-off locations. Ally remote shut-meters are \$450 each versus the standard iPerl at \$150. The City's current adopted tech fee of \$3.85 for a single meter was costed around the standard iPerl.

As such consideration of how to best approach the full-scale cost of deploying Ally meters to the identified 267 locations without separate shut-offs has been discussed at staff level. Currently Section 50.54 (B) (1) provides that the landlord is jointly liable for the tenant's bill where sperate shut-offs are not provided (*this paraphrased from the code*).

Installation of an Ally meter would therefore alleviate the landlord of this liability; however, the incremental materials cost could reach \$80,000 (\$450 - \$150 x 267). Discussion with committee is desired to help craft how we might approach a new policy to help defray the material cost.