

**RESOLUTION 0699-19**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Racine, Wisconsin (the “Municipality”) owns the Racine Water Utility (the “Utility”) as a public utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality provides public fire protection for the benefit of the public health, safety, and well-being of its residents and property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility is authorized by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to recover the cost of providing and maintaining fire hydrants and other infrastructure used for public fire protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality has determined that it is in the public interest to change the method in which the City’s portion of the public fire protection charges are paid from 100% from the general fund to a 100% direct charge on the water bills based on an equivalent meters basis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Racine Common Council directs the Racine Water Utility to change the basis for public fire protection without abrogating any part of its master regional water service agreements from 100% charged to the City’s general fund to 100% collected through direct billing of only utility customers who are within the City based on the equivalent meters method.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City staff are directed to begin the application process with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for direct billing of public fire protection to urban utility customers with an intended implementation date of January 1, 2020.

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Racine at a Common Council meeting on July 16, 2019.

**CITY OF RACINE**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Tara Coolidge, City Clerk

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Cory Mason, Mayor