

CHAPTER 99

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99.01 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED. Every customer shall pay to the City sewer service fees as hereinafter provided. Each location, building, premises or connection shall be considered a separate and distinct customer whether owned or controlled by the same person or not.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.02 RATES FOR SERVICE. Sewer service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

\$8.50 monthly minimum service charge. Service charge includes the first 1,000 gallons of water metered; and

\$3.50 for every 1,000 gallons metered in excess of the first 1,000 gallons.

Sales tax is to be added to all commercial customers' sewer bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

(Ord. 346 - Jan. 01 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.03 SPECIAL RATES. Where, in the judgment of the Superintendent and the Council, special conditions exist to the extent that the application of the sewer charges provided in Section 99.02 would be inequitable or unfair to either the City or the customer, a special rate shall be proposed by the Superintendent and submitted to the Council for approval by resolution.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.04 PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS. Customers whose premises are served by a private water system shall pay sewer charges based upon the water used as determined by the City either by an estimate agreed to by the customer or by metering the water system at the customer's expense. Any negotiated, or agreed upon sales or charges shall be subject to approval of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.05 PAYMENT OF BILLS. All sewer service charges are due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account as contained in Section 92.04 of this Code of Ordinances. Sewer service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.05 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.08 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

99.06 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT. The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for sewer service charges to the premises. Sewer service charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.07 SPECIAL AGREEMENTS PERMITTED. No statement in these chapters shall be construed as preventing a special agreement, arrangement or contract between the Council, and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted subject to special conditions, rate and cost as established by the Council.

99.08 CONNECTION FEE. There shall be a connection fee paid before the issuance of a sewer connection permit in accordance with the following:

1. Fee. The connection fee shall be based on the number of lift stations needed to provide sanitary sewer service to the property as follows:

Zero or One (1) lift station	\$ 250.00
Two (2) lift stations	\$ 500.00
Three (3) lift stations	\$ 750.00
Four (4) lift stations	\$1,000.00
Five (5) lift stations	\$1,250.00
Six (6) lift stations	\$1,500.00

2. Multiple Connections.

A. For multi-family developments where the property is owned by one person and units are rented to tenants (i.e. mobile or manufactured home park or apartment complex) the owner shall pay one connection fee as stated in this section plus twenty-five percent (25%) of that fee for each additional unit.

- B. For multi-unit developments where joint ownership is exercised whether by easement, license, dedication, share ownership or declaration to horizontal property regime, each individual owner will pay the full assessment as stated above.
3. Applicability. Said connection fee shall apply only to:
- A. Any lands annexed into the City, except lands included in the annexation area approved by the City Development Board on October 25, 2001.
- B. Lands which were not platted as lots of record for residential, commercial or industrial use prior to July 1, 2003.

(Ord. 355 – Jul 02 Supp.)

99.09 SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY. No new connections to the City sanitary sewer system will be permitted for property located outside of the corporate limits.

(Ord. 366 – Nov. 02 Supp.)

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