

CHAPTER 99

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99.01 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED. There shall be and there is hereby established a sewer service charge for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipality sanitary sewer system of the City, based upon the following schedule of units:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. Single family residence, churches and businesses (except as may be set out below) – 1 unit;
2. Multiple family building – 1 unit per family or apartment;
3. Schools (private or public) – 1 unit per 20 regular pupils or part thereof;
4. Industry (production of any product) - A flat rate of \$3.90 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed will be charged for Industrial businesses.
5. Service stations and taverns (taverns shall include any business which has a beer or liquor license except Class C beer license) – 1 unit.

Each unit shall be charged \$30.00 per month and in no case shall the minimum service charge for any connection to the sanitary sewer be less than \$30.00 per month which amount is necessary for operating and maintenance and reserve necessary for maintaining the sanitary sewer facility. This minimum service charge will apply to all water/sewer accounts in the City, including all active and inactive accounts with or without an installed meter. This includes any building, tenement, premises or structure that is connected to the City water system. After the first 1,500 gallons of water usage a fee of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons will be added to each billing. A flat fee of \$12.00 will be added to each buildings monthly bill for debt reduction. Building, tenement, premises or structure as used in this chapter shall mean only those buildings that have sewer connections and shall exclude out buildings.

99.02 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 99.01 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)

99.03 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)

99.04 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 or disconnected 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.

99.05 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT. Except as provided for in Section 92.07 of this Code of Ordinances, 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 property or 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)

99.06 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.