

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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.02 RATE. Each customer shall pay sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system based upon the amount and rate of water consumed as follows:

Sewer service charges/rates will increase by 6% each year for the next four (4) years and will be reflected as follows:

<u>Per 1,000 gallons of used</u>	<u>Amount per month for each unit on an account</u>
August 2020 through June 2021 - \$3.63 (Year 1)	\$5.50
July 2021 through June 2022 - \$3.85 (Year 2)	\$5.83
July 2022 through June 2023 - \$4.08 (Year 3)	\$6.18
July 2023 through June 2024 - \$4.32 (Year 4)	\$6.55

Remittance for amounts not equaling a full 1,000 gallons shall be paid for on a pro-rated amount at the above listed rate as the number of gallons used relates to a full 1,000 gallons.

(Ord. 7-13-20 – Aug. 20 Supp.)

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 as part of a combined service account under the same terms and conditions as payment for water and electric service, as established by the Utility Board of Trustees.

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 serviced and shall be certified by the City Clerk/or Clerk's designee to the County Treasurer for the collection in the same manner as property taxes. The City Clerk or Clerk's designee is authorized to certify any unpaid and delinquent charges to the County Treasurer for the collection in the same manner as property taxes upon the premises serviced without prior Council approval as prescribed by Iowa Code. *(Ord. 6-13 – Aug. 13 Supp.)*
(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 RECALCULATION OF CHARGES.

1. If a property owner or person responsible for paying any sewer charges incurred herein questions the correctness of any such charges, that person may have the determination of the charge recomputed within 30 days of the due date of the bill by submitting a written request to the City Clerk for recomputation.
2. In addition, a property owner or person responsible for paying sewer charges may submit a written request to the City Clerk for a recomputation of charges due to a significant deviation in water usage. After consideration of the facts and circumstances of the request, the City Clerk may reduce the sanitary sewer charges for one billing cycle to that person's average usage over the preceding 12-month period provided that source of the deviation has been rectified and did not result in excess use of the sanitary sewer as determined by inspection by the Street/Sanitation Supervisor, the City Clerk may request proof that the problem has been rectified (i.e.- receipt, invoice, etc.). For purposes of this section, a "significant deviation" is defined as an increase in charges equal to or greater than a 150% increase from that person's average over the preceding 12-month period.

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