

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 SEWER RATES.

1. The cost of sewer supplied to consumers through connections to the City sewage processing system shall be charged on the basis of a service charge and monthly consumption of water through each meter as determined from meter readings made at monthly intervals and in accordance with the following monthly rates:

A. Service Charge - \$50.00.

B. Usage Charge - \$10.50 per 100 cubic feet of water used.

2. The service charge shall be charged per dwelling or business unit. A dwelling unit is defined as a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. For businesses, a unit shall be defined by a single autonomous area including permanent provisions for sanitation. The Building Official will make a determination as to how many units are in each building in the event that it is unclear. This service charge shall be charged on every monthly bill regardless of water use or lack thereof. There shall be no suspension or shut off option for this charge.

3. There shall be added to the cost of water supplied to premises located outside the corporate limits of the City a surcharge equal to 150 percent of other standard monthly charges provided by this chapter for all users of the City sewage system.

99.03 YARD METERS EXEMPT. When a yard meter has been installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 90.21 of this Code of Ordinances, the amount of water consumed for purposes of calculating the fee required by Section 99.02 shall be determined by subtracting for the usage period the total water measured by the yard meter from the total water measured by the master meter.

99.04 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)

99.05 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)

99.06 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 92.05 of this Code of Ordinances. Sewer service may be discontinued or disconnected in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.06 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.09 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

99.07 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT. Except as provided for in Section 92.08 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)

99.08 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.

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