

## CHAPTER 99

# SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

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**99.01 DETERMINATION OF RATES AND CHARGES.** Each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building or premises situated within or without the City that is connected with and uses the sewer outlet and purifying plant of the City, by or through any part of the sewage system of the City, or that in any way uses or is served by a sewer outlet and the purifying plant or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water, or other liquid, either directly or indirectly, into the sewerage system of the City, shall pay a service charge, rate, or rental to the City in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Residential Users. Residential users, each apartment within an apartment complex and each mobile home unit of each and every lot or parcel of lot, real estate or building located within the corporate limits of the City that is connected with or in any way uses or is serviced by the municipal sewer system shall pay a monthly charge for sewer service in the sum of \$13.00.

A. For the purpose of this section, a residential user means an owner or tenant of a lot or parcel of real estate upon which is located a dwelling.

B. For the purpose of this section, each apartment within an apartment complex located on one lot or parcel or combination thereof is considered a dwelling unit and an individual residential user and shall be billed accordingly at the above rate.

C. For the purpose of this section, each mobile home unit or individual mobile home trailer, unit or house is considered a dwelling unit and an individual residential user and shall be billed according to the above rate.

D. "Commercial user" means any user other than a "residential user."

2. Commercial Users Connected To Water and Sewer. A commercial user for each and every lot or parcel of real estate or building located within the corporate limits that is connected with or in any way uses or is served by the municipal sewer system, and that is connected to the municipal waterworks system and is separately metered for water usage, shall pay a monthly charge for sewer service based on the amount of water furnished to such lot or parcel or real estate or building and equal to 150% of the water bill for such premises, but in any event, not less than a minimum charge of \$13.00 per month. For purpose of this section, a commercial user shall include only those businesses which are separately metered for water usage and which are located in a commercial zone.

3. Commercial Users Not Connected To Water System. A commercial user for each and every lot or parcel of real estate or building located within the corporate limits that is connected with or in any way uses or is served by the municipal sewer system, and that is not connected into the municipal waterworks system, shall pay a monthly charge for sewer service based upon the amount of water used by such lot or parcel of real estate or building and equal to 150% of the "theoretical" water bill for such premises (determined as if such premises were connected into the municipal waterworks and furnished with the amount of water used) but in any event not less than a minimum charge of \$13.00 per month. The owner or tenant of any such premises shall have the option of installing a meter at his or her own expense for the purpose of determining the amount

of water used by such premises, but if no such meter is installed, the amount of water used by such premises shall be determined by the City Public Works Committee. For purposes of this section, a commercial user shall include each and every individual building, lot or parcel of lot of real estate used for commercial purposes within a commercial zone and the owner of such premises shall pay a full and separate sewer rental charge as set forth herein.

4. Mixed Commercial and Residential Users. Any building housing both a residential dwelling unit and a commercial user, as defined in this chapter, shall be billed as set forth in subsections 2 and 3 of this section for purposes of the commercial use of said building, and billed, in addition, as a residential user as set forth in subsection 1 of this section, providing that the building is located in a commercial zone.

5. Users With Private Wells. Users who have their own private wells shall pay a minimum charge of \$39.00 per quarter unless notified by the Superintendent that the users must comply with Section 99.02.

6. Users Outside City. Users who are located outside of the limits of the City shall pay double the rates specified in this section.

**99.02 DETERMINATION OF SEWAGE VOLUME AND PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY METERING.** The amount of sewage discharged into a City sewer by any user shall be determined by and held to be the amount of water used by said user as shown by the meter readings of the waterworks of the City or the meter readings for the water from a private water supply. If a user shall use water which, in whole or in part, comes from a private water supply, the user shall meter the water coming from a private water supply at the user's own expense when required by the Superintendent and shall pay the same sewer rental rates as allowed in Section 99.01.

**99.03 FEES.** These fees relate solely to the matters covered by Chapters 95 through 99 of this Code of Ordinances and are separate from all other fees chargeable by the City.

1. A surveillance monitoring fee of \$350.00 per installation of equipment shall be assessed against each user for which the City, rather than the user, installs surveillance monitoring equipment for the purpose of conducting wastewater sampling.

2. A sampling fee of \$130.00 per site visit for the purpose of wastewater sample collection shall be assessed against each user.

3. Fees for investigating accidental discharges shall be based on the time expended at \$23.00 per hour.

4. Laboratory testing fees shall be based on actual expense incurred for each parameter tested as specified in a fee schedule which the City shall approve and issue from time to time.

5. A wastewater discharge permit application fee shall be assessed each request for a wastewater discharge permit in the amount of \$100.00. Renewal wastewater discharge permit applications for permit renewal shall be assessed for each request in the amount of \$100.00. An additional fee shall be assessed in the amount of \$50.00 for past-due applications.

6. An appeal filing fee shall be assessed in the amount of \$75.00.

**99.04 PAYMENT OF BILLS.** All sewer service charges are due and payable with and under the same terms and conditions as payment for water service as established by the Utility Board of Trustees. To the extent that the fees are billed as part of a combined service account, utility services may be discontinued if the account becomes delinquent.

**99.05 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 Utility Board 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