

CHAPTER 99

SEWER RENTAL

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99.01 SEWER RENTAL REQUIRED. Every customer shall pay to the sewer rental fees as hereinafter provided.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84 [ 1 ])

99.02 RENTAL RATE.

1. Each customer shall pay a sewer service charge 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:

- A. Monthly Minimum Charge - \$4.00 per user unit
- B. Monthly Metered Usage Charge - \$2.57 per 1,000 gallons

2. In no case shall the minimum service charge be less than \$4.00 per billing period for each user unit.

3. A “user unit” is defined as each single-family, multifamily or mobile home dwelling unit; each commercial building unit and each industrial building unit.

4. In the event that multiple user units are served by a single municipal water utility meter, the minimum service charge of \$4.00 per user unit shall be applied to each connected user unit to determine the total minimum service charge applicable to the multiple use meter.

5. The metered usage charge includes a constant rate of fifty-six cents (\$.56) per 1,000 gallons for sewer utility operation, maintenance and equipment replacement costs. This rate shall be reviewed by the City every two (2) years to insure continued adequacy, proportionality and appropriate distribution of surpluses or deficiencies of operating, maintenance and replacement charges.

6. The monthly billing for each user unit shall include both the minimum charge and the metered usage charge based upon the municipal water utility meter readings.

99.03 SPECIAL RATES. Where, in the judgment of the Public Works Director and the Council, special conditions exist to the extent that the application of the sewer rental 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 Public Works Director and submitted to the Council for approval by resolution.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84 [ 2b ])

99.04 PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS. Customers whose premises are served by a private water system shall pay sewer rentals 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 rentals shall be subject to approval of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84 [ 2b ])

99.05 PAYMENT OF BILLS. All sewer rentals shall be 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 [ 1 ])

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 USE OF FUNDS. All revenues and moneys derived from the operation of the sewer system shall be paid to and held by the City separate and apart from all other funds of the City, and all of said sums and all other funds and moneys incident to the operation of said system as may be delivered to the City shall be deposited in a separate fund designated the "Sewer Utility Fund" and the Council shall administer said fund in every respect in a manner provided by the Code of Iowa and all other laws pertaining thereto.

99.09 ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING. The City shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper records, books and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the sewer system and at regular annual intervals the Council shall cause an audit of the books to be made by the State Auditor or an independent auditing concern to show the receipts and disbursements of the sewer system.

