

CHAPTER 99

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99.01 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED. 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 of water consumed as follows:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. Service Availability Charge. A service availability charge of \$18.43 per month (minimum bill).
2. Usage Charge. A usage charge of \$12.09 per each 1,000 gallons used.

99.02 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 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 Public Works Director and submitted to the Council for approval by resolution.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

99.03 IRRIGATION METERS. Any customer of the City water utility may purchase from the City and install, at the customer's sole expense, a second water meter in accordance with City plans and specifications, which water meter shall be installed in such a fashion so as to measure water used outside of the dwelling unit, and which does not drain directly into the sanitary sewer system. If the irrigation meter becomes defective the City will repair the meter and the customer shall be liable for the cost of the repair. The number of gallons measured by such meter shall not be used in determining the sewer rates herein set out.

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 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.

99.06 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)

99.07 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.

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