

## 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.** Sewer service shall be furnished at the rate of \$12.00 per month, plus \$6.00 for each 1,000 gallons of sewer used each month, except for usage equal to or exceeding 50,000 gallons per month, which usage shall be furnished at the rate of \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons of sewer used each month. Customers of the sewer facility who are not also customers of the water system shall pay a minimum charge of \$40.00.

[Note: the fee for service outside of the city was established in Code Section 95.06]

**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 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 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.

**99.05 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 Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**99.06 RESERVED**

**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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**99.10 POLICY REGARDING RETURNED CHECKS.** The Clerk will inform the customer, by ordinary mail, of the receipt of a returned check and a \$30.00 surcharge shall be added to the customer's account. If the customer presents three checks in the period of one year that are returned, the City will not accept personal checks for that account for the period of one year from the date the surcharge was applied to the account; the City will accept only a cashier's check, money order, or cash as payment. Any other form of payment shall be returned to the customer immediately with a written letter outlining payment requirements, all delinquent charges shall apply, and account shall be eligible for disconnection until acceptable payment is received.

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