

**CHAPTER 99**

**SEWER SERVICE CHARGES**

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**99.01. SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.** There is hereby established a sewer service charge for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer utility as follows:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

1. For each single-family residence and each single apartment of a multi-family dwelling the fees shall be as follows:

**Table 1**

Effective Date:	Monthly Rate:	Quarterly Rate:
July 1, 2015	\$26.00	\$78.00
July 1, 2016	\$28.00	\$84.00
July 1, 2017	\$29.50	\$88.50
July 1, 2018	\$31.00	\$93.00
July 1, 2019	\$32.50	\$97.50

Billing periods shall be quarterly and in no case shall the minimum service charge be less than as shown above, which is necessary to retire the indebtedness, operating and maintenance, and reserve necessary for maintaining the sanitary sewer facility.

1. For all users other than residential, rates will be charged according to water usage at a rate as follows:

**Table 2**

Effective Date	Minimum Rate:
July 1, 2015	\$15.00 per month plus \$2.20 per 100 cf
July 1, 2016	\$17.00 per month plus \$2.30 per 100 cf
July 1, 2017	\$19.00 per month plus \$2.40 per 100 cf
July 1, 2018	\$20.50 per month plus \$2.45 per 100 cf
July 1, 2019	\$22.00 per month plus \$2.50 per 100 cf

**99.02. PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS.** Customers whose premises are served by a private water system but is served by the municipal sewer system shall pay a sewer service charge in the amount the same as the rate for single family residences as shown in Table 1 above.

For customers other than residential on private wells but served by the municipal sanitary sewer the rate will be 1.5 times the monthly rate shown in Table 2 above.

**99.03 BILLING FOR SEWER SERVICE.** Sewer service charges shall be due and payable in accordance with the following:

1. Bills Issued. The Clerk shall prepare and issue bills for sewer service charges on or before the first day of the month following each quarter.
2. Bills Payable. Bills for sewer service charges shall be due and payable at the office of the Clerk by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the month following the end of each quarter.
3. Late Payment Penalty. Bills not paid when due shall be considered delinquent. A late payment penalty fee of 4.5% per quarterly billing cycle of the amount due shall be added to each delinquent bill. The maximum late penalty percentage shall not exceed 18% per annum. (Ordinance No. 0616, 11/6/06).
4. Installment Payments. Owners of residential and agricultural zoned property to be served may elect to pay the Sewer Connection Fee in bimonthly (every two months) installments over a period of 5 years. Payments are to be made to the City of Robins. The bimonthly installment shall include interest up to the rate maximum allowed by law on the unpaid balance. The right of the consumer to receive sewer service is for only as long as the installments are kept current. Installments and regular billing shall become delinquent 20 days after the date of the bill. Delinquent bills up to \$10.00 shall be subject to a penalty of \$1.00, and bills above the amount of \$10.00 will be subject to a 10 percent penalty. Collection service trips will be subject to a service charge for each trip. In addition to other penalties for delinquencies, the City may impose a lien upon the property served for any and all delinquent sewer system charges in accordance with Sections 384.84 and 384.93 of the Code of Iowa. (Ordinance No. 0905, July 20, 2009).

**99.04 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)*

**99.05 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.