

CHAPTER 96: BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS**96.01 Permit Required****96.02 Application for Permit****96.03 Permit Fee****96.04 Connection Requirements****96.05 Property Owner's Responsibility****96.06 Inspection Required****96.07 Abatement of Violations****96.08 Public Sewer Construction**

96.01 PERMIT REQUIRED. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the City. Any connection to a public sewer within the jurisdiction of the City shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the City and to the charges, rates, rents, fees and assessments which are or may be established by the City as being applicable, and shall be made under permits issued by the City.

96.02 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. The application for the permit shall set forth the location and description of the property to be connected with the sewer system and the purpose for which the sewer is to be used, and shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent. The permit shall require the owner to complete construction and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer within sixty (60) days after the issuance of the permit, except that when a property owner makes sufficient showing that due to conditions beyond the owner's control or peculiar hardship, such time period is inequitable or unfair, an extension of time within which to comply with the provisions herein may be granted. Any sewer connection permit may be revoked at any time for a violation of these chapters.

96.03 PERMIT FEE. The person who makes the application shall pay a permit fee, as established in the building permit fee schedule, to the Clerk to cover the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating, and inspecting the work. Industrial permit fees shall be determined by the Council.

96.04 CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS. The installation of the building sewer and its connection to the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the *Building Code*, the laws of the State and other applicable rules and regulations of the City.

1. No person shall tap any public sewer at any other place than at the regular junction "tee" or "wye" built into the sewer, without specific authority from the City Engineer, nor shall any connection be made with the public sewer except in the presence of the City Engineer or an authorized representative. Connections shall be made in accordance with the standards and specifications of the City.
2. When any building or structure is razed or moved, and the sewer service is discontinued, all sewer connections shall be properly stopped or cut off at the curb line, according to the specifications of the City and as approved by the City Engineer.
3. No connection shall be made to a public sewer for any facility located outside of the corporate limits of the City unless permission is specifically granted by resolution of the Council.

4. At the discretion of the Council, any property within the City which is not required to connect in accordance with Section 95.09 may be served under special permits and agreements, but said agreements shall not provide for service for such properties at a cost less than the cost of extending the sewer main to the property to be served, less any part of the said cost which has been previously paid to the City.

5. Only one connection may be made to the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System per lot. Sanitary sewer service required for additional structures on the lot must utilize the existing sanitary sewer connection. The additional sanitary sewer service must be connected within private property to the existing sanitary sewer service and shall not encroach onto the public right-of-way, easements, or yard setbacks.

(Ordinance No. 2604, 5/4/2026)

96.05 PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer and building lateral shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer. (Ordinance No. 0905, 7/20/09).

96.06 INSPECTION REQUIRED. No building sewer shall be covered, concealed or put into use until it has been tested, inspected and accepted as prescribed in the *Building Code*.

96.07 ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS. Construction or maintenance of building sewer lines whether located upon the private property of any owner or in the public right-of-way, which construction or maintenance is in violation of any of the requirements of this chapter, shall be corrected, at the owner's expense, within thirty (30) days after date of official notice from the Council of such violation. If not made within such time the Council shall, in addition to the other penalties herein provided, have the right to finish and correct the work and assess the cost thereof to the property owner. Such assessment shall be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3])

96.08 PUBLIC SEWER CONSTRUCTION. The construction of sewers which are to be connected to and become a part of the public sewer system shall be done in conformity with the City's standards and specifications and the following requirements:

1. Construction plans shall be submitted to and approved by the City Engineer and a resolution shall be approved the Council prior to commencement of work. Construction of said sewers shall be conducted in the presence of the City Engineer.
2. The construction of and use of combined sewers is hereby prohibited.