

ORDINANCE NO. 6425

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2 REVENUE AND FINANCE, CHAPTER 2.08
“SCHEDULE OF FEES” OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL CODE OF COUNCIL BLUFFS,
IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 2.08.050.**

**BE IT ORDAINED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2.08 “Schedule of Fees” of the 2015 Municipal Code of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is hereby amended by amending Section 2.08.050 to read as follows:

2.08.050 - Fees and charges authorized in Title 5.

Municipal Code Section Authorizing License, Fee or Permit	Description of License, Fee, or Permit	Charge
5.22.010	New service charge, rate or rental, inside the city limits:	
	Rate per hundred cubic feet per month	April 1, 2021 - \$3.60/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2022 - \$3.90/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2023 - \$4.22/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2024 - \$4.57/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2025 - \$4.95/100 cubic ft.
	Sewer service charge based upon monthly average	

	For residential and commercial users whose total metered water usage is less than 2,000 hundred cubic feet per month, sewer service charges throughout the year will be based on the daily average water usage during the billing periods which most closely correspond with the months November through March.	
	New service charge, rate or rental, outside the city limits:	
	Rate per hundred cubic feet per month	April 1, 2021 - \$4.48/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2022 - \$4.85/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2023 - \$5.25/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2024 - \$5.69/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2025 - \$6.16/100 cubic ft.
	Sewer service charge based upon monthly average	
	For residential and commercial users whose total metered water usage is less than 2,000 hundred cubic feet per month, sewer service charges throughout the year will be based on the daily average water usage during the billing periods which most closely correspond with the months November through March.	
5.22.020	Flat rate sewerage service charge	April 1, 2021 - \$28.80/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2022 - \$28.80/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2023 - \$28.80/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2024 - \$28.80/100 cubic ft.

		July 1, 2025 - \$28.80/100 cubic ft.
	Minimum sewerage service charge	April 1, 2021 - \$12.50/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2022 - \$13.08/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2023 - \$13.69/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2024 - \$14.33/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2025 - \$15.00/100 cubic ft.
5.22.050	Administrative assessment fee for collection of delinquent sewer bills	\$50.00
5.22.060	Special rates for users who are defined as significant users under the city's pretreatment program based on concentration of raw flow prior to pretreatment shall be as follows:	
	Flow rate (inside city limits):	April 1, 2021 - \$3.20/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2022 - \$3.46/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2023 - \$3.73/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2024 - \$4.03/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2025 - \$4.35/100 cubic ft.
	Flow rate (outside city limits) :	April 1, 2021 - \$4.52/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2022 - \$4.88/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2023 - \$5.27/100 cubic ft.

		July 1, 2024 - \$5.69/100 cubic ft. July 1, 2025 - \$6.14/100 cubic ft.
	Surcharges(inside city):	
	For biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) over 350 parts per million, by weight	April 1, 2021 - \$.291 per pound July 1, 2022 - \$.291 per pound July 1, 2023 - \$.291per pound July 1, 2024 - \$.291per pound July 1, 2025 - \$.291per pound
	For suspended solids over 350 parts per million, by weight	April 1, 2021 - \$.596 per pound July 1, 2022 - \$.596 per pound July 1, 2023 - \$.596 per pound July 1, 2024 - \$.596 per pound July 1, 2025 - \$.596 per pound
	For recoverable oil and grease over 100 parts per million, by weight	April 1, 2021 - \$.291 per pound July 1, 2022 - \$.291 per pound July 1, 2023 - \$.291 per pound July 1, 2024 - \$.291 per pound July 1, 2025 - \$.291 per pound
	Surcharge (outside city):	
	For biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) over 350 parts per million, by weight	April 1, 2021 - \$.375 per pound July 1, 2022 - \$. 375 per pound July 1, 2023 - \$. 375 per pound July 1, 2024 - \$. 375 per pound July 1, 2025 - \$.375 per pound
	For suspended solids over 350 parts per million, by weight	April 1, 2021 - \$.684 per pound July 1, 2022 - \$. 684 per pound July 1, 2023 - \$. 684 per pound

		July 1, 2024 - \$.684 per pound July 1, 2025 - \$.684 per pound
	For recoverable oil and grease over 100 parts per million, by weight	April 1, 2021 - \$.375 per pound July 1, 2022 - \$.375 per pound July 1, 2023 - \$.375 per pound July 1, 2024 - \$.375 per pound July 1, 2025 - \$.375 per pound
5.23.020	Disposal fees for septic tank refuse	\$30.00/1,000 gallons

(Ord. 5825 § 1, 2004).

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this ordinance are for any reason declared illegal or void, then the lawful provisions of this ordinance which are severable from said unlawful provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the ordinance contained no illegal or void provisions.

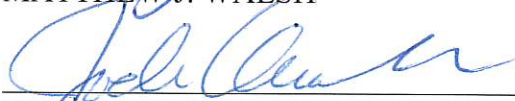
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and publication, as by law provided.

PASSED AND APPROVED

October 26, 2020


MATTHEW J. WALSH Mayor

Attest:


JODI QUAKENBUSH City Clerk

First Consideration: 9-28-20

Second Consideration: 10-12-20

Public Hearing: 10-12-20

Third Consideration: 10-26-20

Proof Of Publication

State of Iowa

Pottawattamie County

Notice of Public Hearing
for
Amending Title 2 - Revenue and Finance
Chapter 2.08 "Schedule of Fees"
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A public hearing will be held on October 12,
2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of
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thorized in Title 5 - Sewers. At said hearing,
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By Order of the City Council
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City of Council Bluffs, Iowa
Jodi Quakenbush, City Clerk
2020(10)4-1 Sunday

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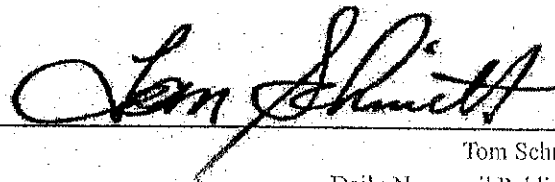
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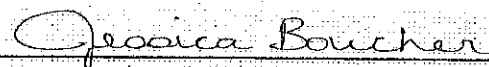
I, Tom Schmitt, on my oath do solemnly that I am Publisher of the COUNCIL BLUFFS DAILY NONPAREIL, a newspaper issued DAILY and printed in said county, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

The attached notice was published in said newspaper 1 consecutive time(s) as follows:

The First publication thereof began on the 04th day of October, 2020.

Signed in my presence by the said Tom Schmitt and by her sworn to before me this 4th day of October, A.D. 2020.


Tom Schmitt
Daily Nonpareil Publisher


Jessica Boucher
Notary Public

Filed this 4th day of October, A.D. 2020.

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Council Communication

Department: City Clerk
Case/Project No.:
Submitted by: Matthew Cox, Public Works
Director

Ordinance 6425
ITEM 6.A.

Council Action: 10/26/2020

Description

Ordinances to amend Title 2 – Revenue and Finance Chapter 2.08.050 - Fees and charges authorized in Title 5 – Sewers.

Background/Discussion

The City provides sewer service to residential, commercial and industrial customers both inside and outside of the Council Bluffs City limits. This service consists of the collection, transmission, treatment, and discharge of sewage generated by customers. The City charges sewer rates which are based on the flow volume the customer adds to the system, and in the case of industrial customers, the level of treatment required to meet permit standards.

A rate study for the City's sanitary sewer enterprise fund was completed in June. The study assessed the existing revenues based on the revised rate structure and in an effort to determine whether adjustments are necessary. The study considered ongoing operations and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system as well as anticipated wastewater plant infrastructure upgrades and treatment capacity expansions.

The City's last increase was approved in 2015, which included a phased approach over 5 years and implementation of a more equitable rate structure. The previous raise to rates occurred ten years prior (2005).

The study revealed that sewer rates are still too low. In order to address increases in operation and maintenance costs and the replacement of aging infrastructure, an increase to the sewer rates is recommended.

Council Bluffs remains near the bottom for rates in Iowa.

A summary of the increases are listed below:

- 1) 5.22.010 (in-town unit rate):
 - a. 26% for year 2021, 8% for years 2022-2025
 - b. Fee increases match for all volume groupings (no declining rate block)
- 2) 5.22.010 (out-of-town unit rate):
 - a. 26% for year 2021, 8% for years 2022-2025
 - b. Fee increases match for all volume groupings (no declining rate block)
- 3) 5.22.020 (flat rate users): one increase to match in-town residential
 - a. 26% increase for year 2021; does not continue to increase past this (\$28.80)
- 4) 5.22.020 (minimum sewer charge):
 - a. 46% for year 2021, 5% for years 2022-2025
- 5) 5.22.050 (administrative fee): unchanged
- 6) 5.22.060 (in-town industries):
 - a. 83% for year 2021, 8% for years 2022-2025
- 7) 5.22.060 (out-of-town industries): increased to match in-town industrial percentages
 - a. 83% for year 2021, 8% for years 2022-2025
- 8) 5.22.060 Surcharges for BOD, TSS, and Oil & Grease: unchanged
 - a. No increase to the loading surcharge on top of the flow rate increase
- 9) 5.23.020 disposal fees for septic tank: unchanged

Recommendation

Approval of this ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Ordinance 6425	Ordinance	10/26/2020

FINANCE
Redlined ordinance
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Other
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