COUNCIL COMMUNICATION					
CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-237	Meeting:	May 8, 2023	
	Agenda Item:	50	Roll Call:	23-0689	
	Submitted by:	Nickolas Schaul, Finance Director			

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending the Municipal Code Section 118 relating to the volume charge for sewer services rate to be applied to residential and nonresidential properties (Sanitary Utility rate increase).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amending the Municipal Code Sections 118-149, relating to the annual increase to sanitary sewer volume charges for sewer services by 5% effective on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Amount</u>: The sanitary sewer volume charge rates are proposed to increase by 5% beginning July 1, 2023, for two (2) years.

	Volume Charge per 1,000 Gallons	Monthly Service Charge
Current Rates:	\$8.42	\$4.40
Proposed Change On:		
7/1/2023	\$8.84	\$4.40
7/1/2024	\$9.28	\$4.40

<u>Funding Source</u>: Revenues will be deposited in the appropriate sanitary sewer fund accounts for use on operations and capital projects per the budget plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- At the February 6, 2023, Council workshop, staff presented an update on the operating and capital improvement plans for the stormwater and the sanitary sewer systems.
- At the April 10, 2023, Council meeting, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Amended and Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget.
- Fee increases are needed in the Sanitary Sewer Fund to meet the requirements of the Long-Term Control Plan addressing combined sewer overflows, increasing operating and maintenance expenses, and to continue sewer lining projects which extend the life of infrastructure.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 23, 2022

Roll Call Number: 22-0845 and 22-0846

Action: Amending the Municipal Code Section 118 relating to the volume charge for sewer services rate to be applied to residential and nonresidential properties (Sanitary Utility rate increase). (Council Communication No. 22-230) Moved by Boesen that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Seconded by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Gatto.

A. Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Nicholas Schaul, Finance Director), requires six (6) votes. Moved by Boesen that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #16,135. Seconded by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Gatto.

Date: May 6, 2019

Roll Call Number: 19-0735 and 19-0736

Action: Amending Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding charges for sewer service. (Council Communication No. 19-185i) Moved by Coleman that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

A. <u>Final</u> consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the City Manager), requires six (6) votes. Moved by Coleman that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #15,771. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 21, 2016

Roll Call Number: 16-0492 and 16-0493

Action: Amending Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding volume charge and customer service charge for sewer services and the ERU rate to be applied to residential and nonresidential properties. (Council Communication No. 16-134) Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

A. <u>Final</u> consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the City Manager), requires six (6) votes. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #15,455. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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