

ORDINANCE NO. 14,749

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, and amended by Ordinance No. 14,434 passed April 25, 2005, by amending Section 118-149 thereof, regarding sewer service charges.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, and amended by Ordinance No. 14,434 passed April 25, is hereby amended by amending Section 118-149 regarding sewer service charges, as follows:

**Sec. 118-149. Sewer service charges--Volume charge and customer service charge.**

- (a) Every customer shall pay to the city the rates and charges as hereinafter established and specified for the purpose of contributing toward the costs of construction, maintenance and operation of the wastewater treatment system.
- (b) Except as hereinafter provided, each customer whose property lies within the corporate limits of the city shall pay to the city, either directly or, at the direction of the city manager, through its collection agent at the agent's office, at the same time payment for city water service is made, a volume charge for domestic wastewater contribution. The volume charge shall be calculated as follows: (1) for the period ending June 30, 2005, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$2.97 for each 1,000 gallons of water; (2) for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$3.21 for each 1,000 gallons of water; (3) for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$3.46 for each 1,000 gallons of water; and (4) for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$3.74 for each 1,000 gallons of water, or fraction thereof, consumed by each customer each month; and (5) for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$3.96 for each 1,000 gallons of water, or fraction thereof, consumed by each customer each month; and

(6) for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$4.20 for each 1,000 gallons of water, or fraction thereof, consumed by each customer each month; and (7) for the period July 1, 2010 and thereafter, the volume charge shall be calculated on the basis of \$4.45 for each 1,000 gallons of water, or fraction thereof, consumed by each customer each month. The volume charge assessed monthly to all such customers shall be in addition to those charges specified in subsection (c) of this section, and in addition to the charges, surcharges, and penalties provided in section 118-151.

- (c) Except as hereinafter provided, each customer whose property lies within the corporate limits of the city shall pay to the city, either directly or, at the direction of the city manager, through its collection agent at the agent's office, at the same time payment for city water service is made, a monthly customer service charge of \$4.40. The customer service charge assessed monthly to all such customers shall be in addition to those charges specified in subsection (b) of this section, and in addition to the charges, surcharges, and penalties provided in section 118-151.
- (d) The director shall periodically review the volume charge and the customer service charge in conjunction with the preparation of the budget for the city sanitary sewer system. If at any time the director determines that the volume charge, the customer service charge, and/or the budget for the city sanitary sewer system requires adjustment, the director shall report such determination to the city manager and city council. The city council may at any time adjust the volume charge or the customer service charge by adoption of an ordinance amending this section, and may at any time adjust the budget for the city sanitary sewer system by adoption of an appropriate resolution.
- (e) Contributors whose properties lie outside the corporate limits of the city and which are served or otherwise provided sewer service pursuant to contract with the city, shall pay to the city a fee as set forth in section 118-154(d).

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest:

I, Diane Rauh, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 08-504), passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held March 24, 2008, 2008 signed by the Mayor on March 24, 2008 and published as provided by law in the Business Record on April 7, 2008. Authorized by Publication Order No. 6067.

Diane Rauh, City Clerk