

ORDINANCE NO. 16,266

AN ORDINANCE to amend and clarify the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 118-149, relating to the volume charge for sanitary sewer services rate to be applied to residential and nonresidential properties.

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, as amended and clarified to make rates consistent with notices of rate change for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Section 2. The Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa is amended by deleting the existing Section 118-149 in its entirety and adopting a new section 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 established in this section to contribute toward the costs of construction, maintenance, and operation of the wastewater treatment system.
- (b) When water service is provided to a customer whose property lies within the corporate limits of the city, the customer shall pay to the city, or upon the city's direction to the city's collection agent, a volume charge per 1,000 gallons or any fraction of 1,000 gallons for domestic wastewater plus a monthly service charge as provided in subsection (c). The charge for this subsection and subsection (c) shall be:

From	To	Volume Charge per 1,000 gallons or a fraction thereof Subsection (b)	Monthly Service Charge Subsection (c)
July 1, 2022	June 30, 2023	\$8.42	\$4.40
July 1, 2023	June 30, 2024	\$8.84	\$4.40
July 1, 2024		\$9.28	\$4.40

- (c) Except as otherwise provided, each customer whose property lies within the corporate limits of the city shall pay to the city, or at the direction of the city through its collection agent, a monthly customer service charge of \$4.40 in addition to the volume charge, as shown in the table in subsection (b). In addition to the volume charge and service charge, customers shall pay all 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) Each customer whose property lies outside the corporate limits of the city, 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).

Section 3. Any charges made the City prior to this amendment in fiscal year 2023-2024 that are consistent with Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby ratified.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage, and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED: Thomas G. Fisher Jr., Deputy City Attorney

T.M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest: I, Laura Baumgartner, 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. 23-1052), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on July 17, 2023 and signed by the Mayor on July 17, 2023 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on August 4, 2023. Authorized by Publication Order No. 12383.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk