

TITLE III - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

ARTICLE VIIB
SEWER RENTAL

3-7B.1 DEFINITION. "Contributor" shall mean any person, individual, group, firm, company, association, society, or corporation who is required under Article VII A (Sanitary Sewer System) of Title III of the City Code of the City of Salem, Iowa, to connect to and/or use the City of Salem Public Sanitary Sewer System.

(Ordinance No. 1992-3, passed May 5, 1992.)

3-7B.2 SEWER RENTAL REQUIRED. Every Contributor shall pay to the City, sewer rental fees as hereinafter provided.

3-7B.3 RENTAL RATES. Each Contributor shall pay a monthly sewer rental fee determined as follows:

a. \$17.00 where the Contributor is not connected to the City's public water system;

b. \$12.00 where the Contributor's metered water consumption does not exceed 3,000 gallons in any one month (minimum monthly bill);

c. Where the Contributor's metered water consumption exceeds 3,000 gallons in any one month, \$12.00 (minimum bill) plus \$3.00 per each 1,000 gallons or any part thereof of metered water consumption over 3,000 gallons.

(Ordinance No. 1996-3, passed August 13, 1996.)

3-7B.4 SPECIAL RATES. Where, in the judgment of the superintendent and the council, special conditions exist to the extent that the application of the sewer rental provided in Section 3-7B.2 would be unequitable or unfair to either the City or the Contributor, a special rate shall be proposed by the superintendent and submitted to the council for approval by resolution.

3.7B.5 PAYMENT OF BILLS. All sewer rentals shall be due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment for water service except that the provision of Section 3-7B.6 shall be used to enforce collection of delinquent sewer charge. Water service may not be discontinued for failure to pay sewer rental charges.

3-7B.6 LIEN FOR NON-PAYMENT. Sewer rental charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

See following pages for rates in existence prior to current rates.

HISTORY OF SEWER RATES

- I. The rates which were in effect prior to Ordinance No. 1984-4 were as follows:

3-7B.2 RENTAL RATES. Each Contributor shall pay a sewer rental fee in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Residential and Small commercial. Residential and small commercial contributors when the average monthly water consumption has been less than 4,000 gallons per month for the preceding twelve (12) months shall pay a sewer rental in the amount of fifty per cent (50%) of the net bill for water and water service attributable to the contributor for the property served. Small commercial users and residential users of the sanitary sewer system who are not attached to the City water system or whose water usage is not totally derived from the City water system shall be charged a flat user fee in the sum of six dollars (\$6.00) per month or the water usage fee, whichever is greater.

- II. Ordinance No. 1984-4, passed December 4, 1984, established the following rates:

A. Six dollars (\$6.00) for each Contributor who is connected to the City's public water system and who is currently paying the minimum monthly water bill.

B. Twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each Contributor who is not connected to the City's public water system.

C. Twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each Contributor who is connected to the City's public water system, but who is not paying the minimum monthly water bill.

- III. Ordinance No. 1986-1, passed April 2, 1986, established a flat rate of \$6.00.

- IV. Ordinance No. 1989-2, passed May 2, 1989, established a flat rate of \$9.00.
- V. Ordinance No. 1992-3, passed May 5, 1992, established the following rates:
- a. \$11.00 where the Contributor is not connected to the City's public water system;
 - b. \$11.00 where the Contributor's metered water consumption does not exceed two thousand (2,000) gallons in any one month;
 - c. Where the Contributor's metered water consumption exceeds two thousand (2,000) gallons in any one month, \$11.00 (minimum fee) plus 5¢ (five cents, .05) per each 100 gallons of metered water consumption over two thousand (2,000) gallons.
- VI. Ordinance No. 1996-3, passed August 13, 1996, established the following rates:
- a. \$17.00 where the Contributor is not connected to the City's public water system;
 - b. \$12.00 where the Contributor's metered water consumption does not exceed three thousand (3,000) gallons in any one month (minimum monthly bill);
 - c. Where the Contributor's metered water consumption exceeds three thousand (3,000) gallons in any one month, \$12.00 (minimum monthly bill) plus \$3.00 per each one thousand (1,000) gallons or any part thereof of metered water consumption over three thousand (3,000) gallons.