

ORDINANCE #219A

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF Buffalo, IOWA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. There shall be and there are hereby established sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer utility based upon the amount and rate of water consumed as follows:

AMOUNT	SEWER SERVICE CHARGE
First <u>4000</u> gal. or lesser amount per month	\$ <u>9.36</u> per month (minimum monthly bill)
Next <u>1000</u> gal. per month	\$ <u>2.34</u> per <u>1000</u> gal.
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Next <u>1000</u> gal. per month	\$ <u>2.34</u> per <u>1000</u> gal.
All over <u>7000</u> gal. per month	\$ <u>2.34</u> per <u>1000</u> gal.

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All Gallonage classifications in the above rate schedule include a constant rate of \$ 1.61 per 1,000 gallons for operation, maintenance and replacement costs.

In the case of non-metered services, the minimum service charge shall not be less than \$ 14.74 per month, which is necessary to retire the indebtedness, to pay operating, maintenance and replacement and to fund reserves necessary for maintaining the sanitary sewer facility.

Customers of the sanitary sewer facility, who are not also customers of the municipal water system shall pay minimum charge of \$ 14.74 per month.

Service to industrial establishments may be by contract if the City deems this to be in its best interest

SECTION 2. Bills for the rates and charges as herein established shall be sent monthly. All bills shall be payable on the first day of the month following the period of service and shall be paid at the office of the Utility. If any charge for the services of the system shall not be paid by the 10th day of the month in which it shall become due and payable, a charge of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bill shall be added thereto and collected therewith. If any bills remain unpaid 30 days following the due date, the water supply for the lot, parcel of land or premise affected may, after a notice and hearing, be cut off and may not be restored except upon satisfactory payment of the delinquent charges.

SECTION 3. The service charges for sanitary sewer services to customers not being supplied water by a municipal water system will be due and payable on the first day of each month.

SECTION 4. Applications for sewer service shall be filed with the Utility upon a form to be supplied by the City. The application shall state the name of the applicant and the premises to be served. All applications filed after the commencement of the operation of the system shall be accompanied by a fee of \$200, payable to the City, for the connection charge.

SECTION 5. The owner of the premises served and the occupant thereof and the user of the sanitary sewer service shall be jointly and severally liable for the sewer service provided said premises. A deposit of \$45 shall be required from all tenants. The deposit shall be applied to any bill for sewer service delinquent more than 30 days. Upon disconnection of the sewer service, any balance of such deposit shall be returned to the applicant without interest.

SECTION 6.

a. It is hereby made the duty of the City Official designated by the Council to render bills for sewer service and all other charges in connection therewith and to collect all moneys due therefrom.

b. The City will notify each user at least annually in conjunction with a regular bill, of the rate and that portion of the user charges which are attributable to operation and maintenance and replacement of the treatment works.

SECTION 7. All sewer charges levied pursuant to the ordinance constitute a lien upon the premises served and if not paid within sixty days after due date, the charges shall be certified to the County Auditor and shall be collectible in the same manner as taxes.

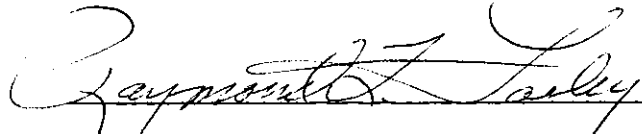
SECTION 8. All revenues and moneys derived from the operation of the sewer system shall be paid to and held by the City separate and apart from all other funds of the City and all of said sums and all other funds and moneys incident to the operation of said system, as may be delivered to the City, shall be deposited in a separate fund designated the "Sewer Revenue Fund," and the Council shall administer said fund in the manner provided by the Code of Iowa and all other laws pertaining thereto.

SECTION 9. The City shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper records, books and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the sewer system and at regular annual intervals the Council shall cause to be made an audit by an independent auditing concern or the State of Iowa of the books to show the receipts and disbursements of the sewer system. The City shall be required annually to prepare a budget of the Sanitary Sewer System to show the required revenues and expenses. If necessary, user charge rates will be adjusted to produce adequate income to retire the indebtedness, meet operation, maintenance and replacement needs, and establish required reserves.

SECTION 10. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication, according to the laws of the State of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5 day of December, of 1983

  
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Raymond L. Farley, Mayor

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CLERK