

CHAPTER 96

BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

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96.01 PERMIT. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the City. The application for the permit shall set forth the location and description of the property to be connected with the sewer system and the purpose for which the sewer is to be used, and shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent. The permit shall require the owner to complete construction and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer within sixty (60) days after the issuance of the permit, except that when a property owner makes sufficient showing that due to conditions beyond the owner's control or peculiar hardship, such time period is inequitable or unfair, an extension of time within which to comply with the provisions herein may be granted. Any sewer connection permit may be revoked at any time for a violation of these chapters.

96.02 CONNECTION CHARGE.

1. Special Tax. If the Council requires construction of a public sanitary sewer extension to make sanitary sewer service available to adjacent properties, the Council may, by ordinance, assess a special tax (connection rights fee) for reimbursement of the cost of construction borne by the City. Charges, if not paid, are a lien upon the premises served. This connection charge is a one-time fee and shall apply only to sanitary connections made to mains as designated by the Council, with fees as follows:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12, 364.13, 384.38 & 384.84)

A. Connection rights fee (special tax) for connection to existing City gravity sewer mains within the corporate limits* east of East Street, for the purpose of providing a collection network, or any service line from those specific mains for the following categories:

(1) Industrial/Commercial (development, subdivision or individual): Sanitary = \$1,000.00

(2) Residential (development or subdivision): Sanitary = \$1,000.00

B. Connection rights fee (special tax) for connection to existing City gravity sewer mains within the corporate limits* east of East Street, for the purpose of providing a service line from the specific mains, other than those defined in A above:

(1) Residential (single or individual): Sanitary = \$100.00

*No connection will be granted unless grantee voluntarily annexes to the City corporate limits, unless otherwise waived by the City Council.

2. Connection Tap Fees. The connection tap fee for a new tap for the purposes of a service line installation into the City's existing gravity sewer mains shall be in accordance with the following fee schedule.

A. Sanitary sewer service connection: \$50.00

Fee is for the City to provide inspection services only. The grantee shall utilize an existing "wye" or "tee", or service line already installed in the existing sanitary sewer main, or provide and install a double strapped "wye" saddle on the existing main. All other associated costs incurred are the responsibility of the customer.

96.03 PLUMBER REQUIRED. All installations of building sewers and connections to the public sewer shall be made by a State-licensed plumber.

96.04 CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS. Any connection with a public sanitary sewer must be made under the direct supervision of the Superintendent, follow the City's current Design Standards, and be in accordance with the *Uniform Plumbing Code* and with the following:

1. Depth. Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. The depth of cover above the sewer shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost.

2. Sewage Lifts. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer.

96.05 SEWER TAP. Connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the "wye" branch, if such branch is available at a suitable location. If no properly located "wye" branch is available, a "wye" saddle shall be installed at the locations specified by the Superintendent. The public sewer shall be tapped with a tapping machine and a saddle appropriate to the type of public sewer shall have gaskets and attached with stainless steel clamps to the sewer. At no time shall a building sewer be constructed so as to enter a manhole unless special written permission is received from the Superintendent and in accordance with the Superintendent's direction if such connection is approved.

96.06 INSPECTION REQUIRED. All connections with the sanitary sewer system before being covered shall be inspected and approved, in writing, by the Superintendent. As soon as all pipe work from the public sewer to inside the building has been completed, and before any backfilling is done, the Superintendent shall be notified and the Superintendent shall inspect and test the work as to workmanship and material; no sewer pipe laid under ground shall be covered or trenches filled until after the sewer has been so inspected and approved. If the Superintendent refuses to approve the work, the plumber or owner must proceed immediately to correct the work.

96.07 PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

96.08 ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS. Construction or maintenance of building sewer lines whether located upon the private property of any owner or in the public right-of-way, which construction or maintenance is in violation of any of the requirements of this chapter, shall be corrected, at the owner's expense, within thirty (30) days after date of official notice from the Council of such violation. If not made within such time the Council shall, in addition to the other penalties herein provided, have the right to finish and correct the work and assess the cost thereof to the property owner. Such assessment shall be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3])

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