



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

August 6, 2024

Resolution setting a public hearing for August 20, 2024 on an ordinance amending Title 3, entitled "Finance, Taxation and Fees," Chapter 4, entitled "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Bonds, Fines and Penalties" of the City Code to add charges, deposits, and fees for the water system and the wastewater system.

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Reviewed By: Geoff Fruin, City Manager
Fiscal Impact: None
Staff Recommendation: Approval
Attachments: [Draft Ordinance-Utility Fee-Water and Wastewater 2024.docx](#)
[Resolution-Utility Fee-Additional water and wastewater 2024.docx](#)

Executive Summary:

The Public Works Department requests the City Council set a public hearing for August 20, 2024 to consider amending Title 3, Chapter 4 of the City Code.

Title 3, Chapter 4 amendments include adding water system charges for fire hydrant flow tests and locating private service lines, after the initial 30 minutes; adding a water system deposit for fire hydrant meters; and adding water system fees for taps, water meter, potable meter kit rental, fire hydrant meter connection and disconnection, and fire hydrant meter water use. The amendments also include adding wastewater system fees for testing and car wash loads.

Background / Analysis:

Previously, Public Works staff were approving some fees administratively. In order to be more transparent and to have all the charges, deposits and fees be located in one location, staff recommends the City Council approve making the amendments to Title 3, Chapter 4 of the City Code in the "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Bonds, Fines and Penalties".

Potable Water Use and Service Additions:

The ordinance will add water system charges for fire hydrant flow tests and locating private service lines, after the initial 30 minutes; adding a water system deposit for fire hydrant meters; and adding water system fees for taps, water meter, potable meter kit rental, fire hydrant meter connection and disconnection, and fire hydrant meter water use.

These are services the City is already charging for and need to be updated to reflect the actual cost of the service and they should be listed in the Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Bonds, Fines and Penalties.

