



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

September 5, 2023

Resolution setting a public hearing for September 19, 2023 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 increase or change charges and fees.

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Reviewed By: Geoff Fruin, City Manager
Fiscal Impact: No impact.
Staff Recommendation: Approval
Commission Recommendations: N/A
Attachments: [Notice of Public Hearing](#)
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Executive Summary:

The Finance Department requests the City Council set a public hearing for September 19, 2023 to consider amending Title 3, Chapter 4 of the City Code.

Title 3, Chapter 4 amendments include updating Section 4 "Wastewater Treatment Works User Charges" and Section 5 "Solid Waste Disposal" to match the language in Section 3 "Potable Water Use and Service" on the 10 percent delinquency charge that was approved in October 2020. It was inadvertently missed in Sections 4 & 5. It also includes amending Section 5 to increase the amount of pounds to 600 for the minimum fee in lieu of tonnage fee.

Background / Analysis:

Title 3, Chapter 4 of the City Code is the "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Bonds, Fines and Penalties"

Delinquency Charge on Past Due Bills

In October 2020, the Iowa City City Council approved increasing the delinquency charge on past due bills from 5% to 10%. Identical language for this charge is located in Sections 3, 4 & 5. In October of 2020, it was only updated in Section 3. This amendment is to update the language in Sections 4 & 5 to match Section 3.

Minimum Fee in Lieu of Tonnage Fees

In May 2023, the Iowa City City Council approved increasing the minimum fee in lieu of tonnage fees (300 pounds or less). This amendment will increase the pounds to 600 pounds or less. Increasing the pounds to 600 is due to the current amount charged per ton, it would

be equal to 600 pounds for the minimum fee.