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## CHAPTER 101

### STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

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#### 101.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a storm water drainage system district and provide a means of funding the operation and maintenance of storm water management facilities including, but not limited to, retention or detention basins, storm sewers, inlets, ditches and drains.

#### 101.02 STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

The entire City is hereby declared a storm water drainage system district for the purpose of establishing, imposing, adjusting and providing for the collection of rates for the operation and maintenance of storm water management facilities. As additional areas are annexed to the City they shall immediately be included in the storm water drainage system district.

#### 101.03 RATES.

The rates for the operation and maintenance of the storm water management facilities shall be collected by imposing a monthly rate on every City water meter, and on every residence, apartment, and dwelling unit in mobile home parks. The rates shall be billed and collected in the same manner as water service rates. The Council shall have the authority to establish different monthly rates for different classifications of City water meters. The following rates have been established:

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Residential	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$4.75	\$5.00	\$5.25
Commercial/Apartments - Base of residential home plus increment rate per 10,000 sf of imperious area	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$7.00	\$8.00
Each Mobile Home	\$3.75	\$3.85	\$3.95	\$4.05	\$4.15

*(Section 101.03 - Ord 955 - Nov. 21 Supp.)*

#### 101.04 PAYMENT OF RATES.

The monthly rates are due and payable under the same terms and conditions as sewer service charges. Procedures for delinquent final accounts and write offs shall be adopted by resolution passed by the City Council.

#### 101.05 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.

Except as provided for in Section 99.06 of this Code of Ordinances, the owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for charges for the operation and maintenance of the storm water management facilities. Any such charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

#### 101.06 STORM WATER EMERGENCIES.

The City's Public Works Department is available seven days week, 24 hours a day to assist City property owners in the event that a storm water emergency occurs. In the event a property owner contacts the City to report a storm water emergency including, the backup of retention or detention basins, storm sewers, inlets, ditches, or drains, and a Public Works employee goes out to the property to investigate or perform maintenance work in relation to the storm water emergency; and after investigation by the Public Works employee the storm water emergency is determined to be caused by the privately owned portion of the storm water drainage system; labor and equipment fees can be assessed to the property owner as outlined in 101.07. The City will only maintain and repair City owned infrastructure.

#### 101.07 STORM WATER EMERGENCIES FEES.

All fees associated with Section 101.06 of this chapter will be mailed to the property owner as an invoice and said fees shall be paid to the City of Hiawatha by the due date listed on the invoice for payment.

1. Fees associated with activities as provided in Section 101.06 of this chapter shall be adopted by resolution passed by City Council.
2. Fees charged in connection with activities as provided in Section 101.06 of this chapter shall cover only the City's costs, including but not limited to, City employee labor and the use of City equipment.