

CHAPTER 8-3 RENTS AND CHARGES

8-3-1 AUTHORIZATION FOR CHARGES

The electors of the City on the 18th day of April, 1961, did authorize the City to establish charges or rentals for the use of said City's sanitary utilities.

Authority: SDCL 9-48-26

8-3-2 SANITARY UTILITIES

The term sanitary utilities shall include the terms sewage, a system of sewage, sewage pumping stations, and sewage treatment or purification works.

8-3-3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this ordinance the terms "Sanitary Sewage" and "Industrial Wastes" are defined as follows:

1. Sanitary Sewage, is hereby defined as the waste from water closets, urinals, lavatories, sinks, bath tubs, showers, household laundries, cellar flow drains, bars, soda fountains, cuspidors, refrigerator drips, drinking fountains and stable floor drains and garage floor drains.
2. Industrial Wastes are hereby defined as being the liquid waste resulting from any commercial, manufacturing or industrial operations or processes.

8-3-4 COMPUTATION OF CHARGES

The charges, rates or rentals as provided herein shall be computed by the quantity of water used and discharged into the sanitary utilities of the City, as determined by the water meter readings of the City Waterworks Department of Howard to the separate properties where such water is furnished and to the quantity of water from the privately owned water supplies as may be discharged into the sanitary utilities system as hereinafter provided.

Authority: SDCL 9-48-27

8-3-5 RATES

The rates for use of the sewage system or utilities shall be computed as follows:

Residential Rates:

- Base Charge:
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2011 - \$14.50 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2012 - \$15.25 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2013 - \$16.00 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2014 - \$16.80 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2015 - \$17.65 per month
- For water used in February, or fraction thereof.

- Operation and Maintenance Charge in excess added to the minimum sewage base charge:
 - January 1, 2011 - \$1.05 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2012 - \$1.10 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2013 - \$1.15 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2014 - \$1.20 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2015 - \$1.25 per thousand gallons

The definition of dwelling unit is as follows:
 When one or more rooms are (a) located in a dwelling and that are (b) arranged, designed or used as living quarters for one family only. Each dwelling unit contains one and only one, complete set of kitchen facilities, permanently installed.
 All customers residing outside the city limits of the City of Howard shall pay twenty five percent (25%) above the aforesaid rates.

Commercial & Industrial Rates:

- Base Charge:
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2011 - \$19.35 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2012 - \$20.30 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2013 - \$21.30 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2014 - \$22.35 per month;
 - For all billings on and after January 1, 2015 - \$23.45 per month;
 - For gallons of water used each month.

- Operation and Maintenance Charge in excess added to the minimum sewage base charge:
 - January 1, 2011 - \$2.10 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2012 - \$2.20 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2013 - \$2.30 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2014 - \$2.40 per thousand gallons;
 - January 1, 2015 - \$2.50 per thousand gallons

All commercial or industrial customers residing outside the city limits of the City of Howard shall pay twenty five percent (25%) above the aforesaid rates.

Ordinance #661, 11/8/10

8-3-6 WATER AND SEWER BILLING AND COLLECTION COMBINED

The person who computes the amount due for water utilities shall also compute the amount due the City for sanitary utilities charges and render a statement to the owner or occupant of any premises served, or to both.

Authority: SDCL 9-48-28

8-3-7 SEWER CHARGES DUE DATE AND DELINQUENCIES

All charges of said sanitary utilities shall be due and payable on the same schedule as the water utilities are as follows:

All bills rendered are net, due and payable on receipt. They are delinquent if not paid by the fifteenth of the month. A five percent delayed payment penalty will be charged and the consumer will be immediately mailed a "Past Due Notice" stating water services will be disconnected after ten days. Said notice will give the date when the utility will be terminated, the dollar amount which is delinquent and must be paid to retain water service and reason upon which the proposed disconnection is based. If upon the termination date, the delinquent amount, as stated in said notice, is not paid in full, the utility service will be terminated unless the consumer has entered into an agreement for payment of said bill that is satisfactory to the City of Howard.

Ordinance #644, 4/9/07

8-3-8 ACCOUNTING FOR COLLECTED RENTS AND CHARGES

All funds, fees, charges, rentals and rates collected under the provisions herein shall be remitted to the Finance Officer by the person appointed by the City Council to collect said charges. All fees shall be kept in a separate fund to be known as the "Sewer Revenue Fund." Such fund shall be used as authorized by the SDCL Chapter 9-48 and acts amendatory thereto.

Authority: SDCL 9-48-29

8-3-9 NON-PAYMENT OF CHARGES

If sanitary utilities become past due, the water utility will be disconnected because of non-payment of account and will not be resumed until all billing of said account has been paid in full, including a reconnection charge in the amount of \$20.00 if the water utility service is reconnected during the regular water department working hours.

Authority: SDCL 9-48-7; Ordinance #644, 4/9/07