

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FINES AND FEES SCHEDULES**

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Independence, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** Section 1.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**1.15 FINES AND FEES SCHEDULE.**

Code Section	Code Title	Penalty
1.14	Standard Penalty	At least \$65.00 but not to exceed \$625.00
4.03	Penalties	Standard Civil Penalties: First offense - not to exceed \$750.00 Each repeat offense - not to exceed \$1,000.00 Special Civil Penalties: Noncompliance with a pretreatment standard or requirement - not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day a violation exists or continues Environmental violation - not more than \$1,000.00 for each occurrence
40.06	Excessive Noise from Motor Vehicle	First offense - \$25.00 Second offense - \$50.00 Third offense or more - \$100.00
40.07	Disorderly House	First Offense - \$750.00 Second and Subsequent Offenses - \$1,000.00
41.14(5)	Fireworks Use	At least \$250.00
55.06	Animals at Large	First offense - \$25.00 Second offense - \$75.00 Third offense - \$125.00 Offenses thereafter - \$175.00
55.12	Quarantine Requirements	Vicious Animal Impound Fee \$150
55.13	At Large: Impoundment	Animal Impound Fee \$79.00
70.02	Scheduled Traffic Violations - Automated Traffic Enforcement System	Speeding Violation 11-20 miles per hour over the posted speed limit - \$75.00 21-25 miles per hour over the posted speed limit - \$100.00 26-30 miles per hour over the posted speed limit - \$250.00 More than 31 miles per hour over the posted speed limit - \$500.00  Speed Violation (School Zone)

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70.03	Parking Violations: Alternative	Improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit - \$200.00 Other Parking Violations - \$15.00, increased by \$10.00 if not paid within 30 days
80.05	Fees for Impoundment	\$20.00 for each day within the reclaiming period
90.06	Fee for Permit and Connection Charge	Schedule of Connection Charges: Service Line Size    Connection Charges 1¼ inch or less    \$ 250.00 1½ inch    \$ 265.00 2 inch    \$ 475.00 3 inch    \$ 1,000.00 4 inch and over    \$ 1,500.00
91.06	Remote Meter Readers	Replacement prior to scheduled replacement - \$25.00 Monthly administrative fee for non-compliance \$50.00
91.09	Service Calls and Tests	\$25.00 deposit for all water meter service calls and/or water meter calibration checks
92.01	Service Charge	Surcharge of \$4.00 for every hookup
92.02	Rates for Service	\$3.79 per 1,000 gallons used per month, following the annual increase schedule per year unit charge: Base    Unit October 1, 2024    \$11.33    \$3.91 October 1, 2025    \$11.69    \$4.03 October 1, 2026    \$12.03    \$4.16 October 1, 2027    \$12.40    \$4.29 October 1, 2028    \$12.78    \$4.42 These rates, both Base and Unit, will then continue to increase at 3% per year, effective every October 1st beginning Oct. 1, 2029. Plus the following additional charges: Water Meter Tap Size    Additional Charges ¾ inch - 5/8 inch    \$1.00 1 inch    \$4.00 1½ inch    \$5.00 2 inch    \$7.50 3 inch    \$12.00 4 inch    \$15.00 6 inch    \$25.00

92.02	Bulk Water Rates	Usage charge of \$10.00 per thousand gallons. Water Excise Tax of six percent (6%) will also be applied																																																		
92.08	Temporary Vacancy	\$30.00 disconnect fee at the time vacancy begins \$30.00 reconnect fee at the time vacancy ends.																																																		
96.02	Connection Charge	\$250.00 to cover the cover the cost of supervising, regulating, and inspecting the sewer connection work, and a Romac saddle and sleeve plus the labor cost to install and connect																																																		
99.05	Charges Based on Usage	Residential Contributors: Minimum charge of \$15.00 per month, and a user/flow charge of \$7.82 per 1,000 gallons of metered water following the annual increase schedule: <div>Base Unit</div> <table><tr><td>October 1, 2024</td><td>\$16.50</td><td>\$8.61</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2025</td><td>\$18.98</td><td>\$9.91</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2026</td><td>\$21.83</td><td>\$11.40</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2027</td><td>\$25.33</td><td>\$13.23</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2028</td><td>\$25.84</td><td>\$13.50</td></tr></table> Industrial Contributors: Minimum charge of \$15.00 per month, and \$2.88 per 1,000 gallons of metered wastewater, plus The annual increase for industrial contributors is as follows: <div>Base Unit</div> <table><tr><td>October 1, 2024</td><td>\$16.50</td><td>\$3.17</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2025</td><td>\$18.98</td><td>\$3.65</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2026</td><td>\$21.83</td><td>\$4.20</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2027</td><td>\$25.33</td><td>\$4.88</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2028</td><td>\$25.84</td><td>\$4.98</td></tr></table> \$0.281 per pound BOD discharged The annual increase for BOD discharged is as follows: <table><tr><td>October 1, 2024</td><td>\$0.310</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2025</td><td>\$0.357</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2026</td><td>\$0.411</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2027</td><td>\$0.477</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2028</td><td>\$0.487</td></tr></table> \$0.523 per pound TSS unit discharge The annual increase for TSS unit discharge is as follows: <table><tr><td>October 1, 2024</td><td>\$0.573</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2025</td><td>\$0.663</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2026</td><td>\$0.763</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2027</td><td>\$0.886</td></tr><tr><td>October 1, 2028</td><td>\$0.904</td></tr></table>	October 1, 2024	\$16.50	\$8.61	October 1, 2025	\$18.98	\$9.91	October 1, 2026	\$21.83	\$11.40	October 1, 2027	\$25.33	\$13.23	October 1, 2028	\$25.84	\$13.50	October 1, 2024	\$16.50	\$3.17	October 1, 2025	\$18.98	\$3.65	October 1, 2026	\$21.83	\$4.20	October 1, 2027	\$25.33	\$4.88	October 1, 2028	\$25.84	\$4.98	October 1, 2024	\$0.310	October 1, 2025	\$0.357	October 1, 2026	\$0.411	October 1, 2027	\$0.477	October 1, 2028	\$0.487	October 1, 2024	\$0.573	October 1, 2025	\$0.663	October 1, 2026	\$0.763	October 1, 2027	\$0.886	October 1, 2028	\$0.904
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		<p>\$2.81 per pound ammonia – with a threshold of 25 mg/l</p> <p>The annual increase per pound ammonia is as follows:</p> <p>October 1, 2024 \$3.10</p> <p>October 1, 2025 \$3.57</p> <p>October 1, 2026 \$4.11</p> <p>October 1, 2027 \$4.77</p> <p>October 1, 2028 \$4.87</p> <p>The above rates include costs for operation and maintenance including replacement, and the sum of \$3.25 per contributor for debt retirement.</p> <p>The above rates will then continue to increase at 2% per year, effective every October 1st beginning Oct. 1, 2029.</p>
106.07	Collector’s License	\$30.00 license fee
110.14	Franchise Fee	<p>Franchise fee upon the following revenue classes for the length of the agreement:</p> <p>Residential Customers - 5%</p> <p>Nonresidential Customers - 5%</p>
121.04	Fees: Retail Cigarette or Tobacco Permit	<p>For Permits Granted During Fee</p> <p>July, August or September \$75.00</p> <p>October, November or December \$56.25</p> <p>January, February or March \$37.50</p> <p>April, May or June \$18.75</p>
121.07	Persons Under Legal Age	<p>First violation - \$300.00</p> <p>Second violation - \$1,500.00 or permit suspension for 30 days</p> <p>Third violation - \$1,500.00 and permit suspension for 30 days</p> <p>Fourth violation - \$1,500.00 and permit suspension for 60 days</p>
122.04	Application for License	\$25.00 application fee
122.05	License Fees	<p>Fees for the issuance of a peddler or solicitor license:</p> <p>For one day - \$25.00</p> <p>For seven consecutive days - \$50.00</p> <p>For up to 30 consecutive days - \$100.00</p> <p>For six months - \$200.00</p> <p>For one year - \$300.00</p>
123.03	Application and Fee for Permit	\$100.00 for a house movers permit fee
125.12	License Fees	<p>Electrical Contractor - \$75.00 annually</p> <p>Journeyman Electrician - \$20.00 annually</p>
126.08	License Fees	<p>First taxicab license to any one owner, \$50.00</p> <p>Each additional license to the same owner, \$25.00</p>

126.10	Driver’s License Fee	\$25.00 for the issuance or renewal of a driver’s license
136.03	Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations	Minimum charge of \$50.00 per occurrence for removal by the City
143.02	Street Closures	\$50.00 non-refundable application fee
147.40	Occupancy Permit	\$50.00 application fee for the occupancy permit
175.11	Submission, Referral and Review of Preliminary Plat	\$10.00 fee per lot
175.17	Submission and Referral of Final Plat	\$10.00 fee per lot
175.49	Enforcement, Violations and Penalties	\$50.00 for each lot and part of lot sold or disposed of, leased or offered for sale.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence,  
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ATTEST:

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Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO,  
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 2025-\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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