

**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 SECTION MODIFIED.** Section 1.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard Civil Penalties: First offense - not to exceed \$750.00 Each repeat offense - not to exceed \$1,000.00</li><li>• 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</li></ul>
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) 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
70.03	Parking Violations: Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit - \$200.00</li><li>• Other Parking Violations - \$15.00, increased by \$10.00 if not paid within 30 days</li></ul>

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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: <table><tr><th>Service Line Size</th><th>Connection Charges</th></tr><tr><td>1¼ inch or less.....</td><td>\$ 250.00</td></tr><tr><td>1½ inch.....</td><td>\$ 265.00</td></tr><tr><td>2 inch.....</td><td>\$ 475.00</td></tr><tr><td>3 inch.....</td><td>\$1,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>4 inch and over .....</td><td>\$1,500.00</td></tr></table>	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																						
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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	\$2.48 per 1,000 gallons used per month, following the annual increase schedule per year Unit charge: <table><tr><th></th><th>Base</th><th>Unit</th></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2017</td><td>\$5.40 .....</td><td>\$2.74</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2018</td><td>\$6.80 .....</td><td>\$3.00</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2019</td><td>\$8.20 .....</td><td>\$3.26</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2020</td><td>\$9.60 .....</td><td>\$3.52</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2021</td><td>\$11.00 .....</td><td>\$3.79</td></tr></table> plus the following additional charges: <table><tr><th>Water Meter Tap Size</th><th>Additional Charges</th></tr><tr><td>¾ inch -5/8 inch .....</td><td>\$ 1.00</td></tr><tr><td>1 inch.....</td><td>\$ 4.00</td></tr><tr><td>1½ inch.....</td><td>\$ 5.00</td></tr><tr><td>2 inch.....</td><td>\$ 7.50</td></tr><tr><td>3 inch.....</td><td>\$12.00</td></tr><tr><td>4 inch.....</td><td>\$15.00</td></tr><tr><td>6 inch.....</td><td>\$25.00</td></tr></table>		Base	Unit	May 1, 2017	\$5.40 .....	\$2.74	May 1, 2018	\$6.80 .....	\$3.00	May 1, 2019	\$8.20 .....	\$3.26	May 1, 2020	\$9.60 .....	\$3.52	May 1, 2021	\$11.00 .....	\$3.79	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
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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential Contributors: Minimum charge of \$9.50 per month, and A user/flow charge of \$5.78 per 1,000 gallons of metered water following the annual increase schedule: <table><tr><th></th><th>Base</th><th>Unit</th></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2017</td><td>\$10.60.....</td><td>\$6.18</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2018</td><td>\$11.70.....</td><td>\$6.58</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2019</td><td>\$12.80.....</td><td>\$6.98</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2020</td><td>\$13.90.....</td><td>\$7.48</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2021</td><td>\$15.00.....</td><td>\$7.82</td></tr></table></li><li>Industrial Contributors: Minimum charge of \$9.50 per month, and</li></ul>		Base	Unit	May 1, 2017	\$10.60.....	\$6.18	May 1, 2018	\$11.70.....	\$6.58	May 1, 2019	\$12.80.....	\$6.98	May 1, 2020	\$13.90.....	\$7.48	May 1, 2021	\$15.00.....	\$7.82																
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		<p>\$2.13 per 1,000 gallons of metered wastewater, plus \$ .281 per pound BOD discharged \$ .523 per pound TSS unit discharge \$2.81 per pound ammonia - with a threshold of 25 mg/l</p> <p>The annual increase schedule for Industrial Contributors is as follows:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td><u>Base</u></td><td><u>Unit</u></td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2017</td><td>\$10.60.....</td><td>\$2.28</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2018</td><td>\$11.70.....</td><td>\$2.42</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2019</td><td>\$12.80.....</td><td>\$2.57</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2020</td><td>\$13.90.....</td><td>\$2.76</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2021</td><td>\$15.00.....</td><td>\$2.88</td></tr></table> <p>The above rates include costs for operation and maintenance including replacement and the sum of \$2.44 per contributor for debt retirement</p>		<u>Base</u>	<u>Unit</u>	May 1, 2017	\$10.60.....	\$2.28	May 1, 2018	\$11.70.....	\$2.42	May 1, 2019	\$12.80.....	\$2.57	May 1, 2020	\$13.90.....	\$2.76	May 1, 2021	\$15.00.....	\$2.88
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106.07	Collector’s License	\$30.00 license fee																		
110.14	Franchise Fee	Franchise fee upon the following revenue classes for the length of the agreement: • Residential Customers - 5% • Nonresidential Customers - 5%																		
121.04	Fees: Retail Cigarette or Tobacco Permit	<table><tr><td><u>For Permits Granted During</u></td><td><u>Fee</u></td></tr><tr><td>July, August or September .....</td><td>\$75.00</td></tr><tr><td>October, November or December .....</td><td>\$56.25</td></tr><tr><td>January, February or March .....</td><td>\$37.50</td></tr><tr><td>April, May or June .....</td><td>\$18.75</td></tr></table>	<u>For Permits Granted During</u>	<u>Fee</u>	July, August or September .....	\$75.00	October, November or December .....	\$56.25	January, February or March .....	\$37.50	April, May or June .....	\$18.75								
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121.07	Persons Under Legal Age	First violation - \$300.00 Second violation - \$1,500.00 or permit suspension for 30 days Third violation - \$1,500.00 and permit suspension for 30 days Fourth violation - \$1,500.00 and permit suspension for 60 days																		
122.04	Application for License	\$25.00 application fee																		
122.05	License Fees	Fees for the issuance of a peddler or solicitor license:  For one day .....\$ 25.00 For seven consecutive days .....\$ 50.00 For up to 30 consecutive days .....\$ 100.00 For six months .....\$ 200.00 For one year \$ 300.00																		
123.03	Application and Fee for Permit	\$100.00 for a house movers permit fee																		
125.12	License Fees	Electrical Contractor - \$75.00 annually Journeyman Electrician - \$20.00 annually																		
126.08	License Fees	First taxicab license to any one owner, \$50.00 Each additional license to the same owner, \$25.00																		
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																		

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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: August 25, 2025  
Second Reading: September 8, 2025  
Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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