

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Independence will be holding a Public Hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan. These documents include design and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant.

The proposed project includes the following improvements to the wastewater treatment plant: replace preliminary treatment equipment, construct two oxidation ditches, construct three secondary clarifiers, construct new RAS/WAS pumping building, install UV disinfection equipment, construct four aerobic digesters, install new equipment in the existing sludge storage tank, construct two sludge storage tanks, and construct a new storage building. The new tanks, buildings, and equipment will be constructed while the existing plant is in service. After construction, the flow will be moved to flow through the new plant and the existing plant will be demolished. Once the existing plant is demolished, the storage building will be constructed. The project also includes two new submersible pump stations and associated valve and meter vaults to pump plant sanitary sewer and biosolids to their appropriate locations. There will also be a hauled waste receiving station to receive vector truck waste along with two new splitter structures to split flow evenly into the two oxidation ditches and the three final clarifiers. The existing Headworks Building, Administration Building, and Blower/UV Building will include plumbing, HVAC, and electrical/SCADA upgrades and will receive new paint and new flooring/ceilings. The Administration Building renovation will also include a remodeled lab and offices within their existing footprint. New site utilities include a gas distribution system, a plant sanitary sewer system, and an electrical/SCADA distribution system along with an emergency generator. A new fence will be installed on the north side, and part of the west side. New concrete roadways will be included and disturbed areas will be graded and reseeded. A stormwater collection system will be installed and will flow to a retention basin prior to leaving the site.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform area residents of the community of Independence of this proposed action, discuss the actual cost and user fees associated with this project, and to address citizen's concerns, if any, with the plan.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:

Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm  
City Hall  
331 1<sup>st</sup> Street East  
Independence, IA 50644

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Written comments on this proposal may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Questions regarding this hearing or the availability of documentation may be directed to Bradley Lake, Strand Associates at (608) 251-4843. Additionally, public comments can be sent to [SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov).