

## CHAPTER 96

### BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

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**96.01 PERMIT.** No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the City. The application for the permit shall set forth the location and description of the property to be connected with the sewer system and the purpose for which the sewer is to be used, and shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent. The permit shall require the owner to complete construction and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer within sixty (60) days after the issuance of the permit, except that when a property owner makes sufficient showing that due to conditions beyond the owner's control or peculiar hardship, such time period is inequitable or unfair, an extension of time within which to comply with the provisions herein may be granted. Any sewer connection permit may be revoked at any time for a violation of these chapters.

**96.02 PERMIT FEE.** The person who makes the application shall pay a fee to the Clerk in an amount set by resolution of the Council to cover the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating, and inspecting the work.

**96.03 PLUMBER REQUIRED.** All installations of building sewers and connections to the public sewer shall be made by a State-licensed plumber. The Superintendent shall have the power to suspend the approval of any such individual for violation of any of the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters; a suspension, unless revoked, shall continue until the next regular meeting of the Council. The Superintendent shall notify the individual immediately by personal written notice of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension, and the time and place of the Council meeting at which the individual will be granted a hearing. At this Council meeting the Superintendent shall make a written report to the Council stating the reasons for the suspension, and the Council, after fair hearing, shall affirm or revoke the suspension or take any further action that is necessary and proper. The individual shall provide a surety bond in the minimum sum as set by resolution of the Council, secured by a responsible surety bonding company authorized to operate within the State, conditioned to indemnify and save the City harmless against all losses or damages that may arise from or be occasioned by the making of connections with the public sewers or excavations therefor or by carelessness, negligence or unskillfulness in making the same. Such bond shall remain in force and must be executed for a period of one year except that on such expiration it shall remain in force as to all penalties, claims and demands that may have accrued thereunder prior to such expiration. In lieu of a surety bond, a cash deposit as set by resolution of the Council may be filed with the City.

**96.04 CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS.** The installation of the building sewer and its connection to the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the *State Plumbing Code*, the laws of the State and other applicable rules and regulations of the City.

**96.05 SEWER TAP.** Connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the “Y” branch, if such branch is available at a suitable location. If no properly located “Y” branch is available, a saddle “Y” shall be installed at the location specified by the Superintendent. The public sewer shall be tapped with a tapping machine and a saddle appropriate to the type of public sewer shall be glued or attached with a gasket and stainless steel clamps to the sewer. At no time shall a building sewer be constructed so as to enter a manhole unless special written permission is received from the Superintendent and in accordance with the Superintendent’s direction if such connection is approved. Tapping fees are set by Council resolution.

**96.06 INSPECTION REQUIRED.** No building sewer shall be covered, concealed, or put into use until it has been tested, inspected and accepted as prescribed in the *State Plumbing Code*.

**96.07 PROPERTY OWNER’S RESPONSIBILITY.** All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

**96.08 ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS.** Construction or maintenance of building sewer lines whether located upon the private property of any owner or in the public right-of-way, which construction or maintenance is in violation of any of the requirements of this chapter, shall be corrected, at the owner’s expense, within thirty (30) days after date of official notice from the Council of such violation. If not made within such time the Council shall, in addition to the other penalties herein provided, have the right to finish and correct the work and assess the cost thereof to the property owner. Such assessment shall be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3])*

**96.09 ABANDONED CONNECTIONS.** When an existing sewer service is abandoned or is to be unused, it shall be plugged or capped. A building sewer shall be considered abandoned or unused unless a building permit for a new structure which requires sewer service has been applied for. If a building sewer is to be reused, it shall be temporarily disconnected at the property line or in a manner approved by the Wastewater Superintendent. This procedure shall be required at the same time the demolition permit is issued. All lines that are to be plugged or capped must be inspected by the Wastewater Superintendent or the Assistant Wastewater Superintendent before they are covered or buried.

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