

## RESOLUTION 2023-08

### **A Resolution setting Utility Rates, Tap Fees, Charges for Other Services, and Account Fees EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Iowa has a legal and fiduciary duty to increase or decrease water and sewer rates as necessary for the service of providing water and sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Iowa has had considerable financial losses during the past 18 months to produce water and process sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Iowa needs to increase and make changes to the non-residential customers: and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Iowa has installed residential water meters servicing the residents of the Town and needs to set meter rates for the newly installed residential water meters.

**THEREFORE**, the Town of Iowa establishes the following commercial rates for water and commercial rates for sewer to become effective for May 2023 billing cycle.

#### **COMMERCIAL RATES:**

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| In Town Water:     | \$34.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$ 3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons  |
| Out of Town Water: | \$39.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$ 3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons  |
| In Town Sewer:     | \$ 37.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$ 3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons |
| Out of Town Sewer: | \$42.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$ 3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons  |

**FURTHER, THEREFORE**, the Town of Iowa establishes the following residential rates for water and sewer to become effective for May 2023 billing cycle.

#### **RESIDENTIAL RATES:**

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| In Town Water:     | \$22.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$ 3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons |
| Out of Town Water: | \$27.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$ 3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons |
| In Town Sewer:     | \$29.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons  |
| Out of Town Sewer: | \$34.00 for first 2000 gallons<br>\$3.75 per 1000 gallons after the first 2000 gallons  |

**WHEREFORE**, considering small commercial businesses, social organizations, and low consumption residents, using a six-month average to be monitored regularly, the Town of Iowa establishes the following rates for water and sewer to become effective for May 2023 billing cycle:

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| In Town Water:     | \$15.00 (flat) for 1,000 gallons or less<br>\$22.00 (flat) for 1,001 – 2,000 gallons |
| In Town Sewer:     | \$20.00 (flat) for 1,000 gallons or less<br>\$29.00 (flat) for 1,001 – 2,000 gallons |
| Out of Town Water: | \$20.00 (flat) for 1,000 gallons or less<br>\$27.00 (flat) for 1,001- 2,000 gallons  |
| Out of Town Sewer: | \$25.00 (flat) for 1,000 gallons or less   |

\$34.00 (flat) for 1,001 – 2,000 gallons

**FURTHER, WHEREFORE** The Town of Iowa hereby establishes the following bulk water purchase rate, Tap Fees, Deposits, and other services as follows:

**BULK WATER RATE:** \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons

**WATER TAP FEES:** \$ 815.00 for ¾ inch water tap  
\$2,910.00 for 2-inch water tap  
Greater than two (2) inches shall be based on the actual cost basis.  
Cost to locate existing water tap on Town Right-of-way shall be \$50.00

**SEWER TAP FEES:** \$550.00 up to four (4) inches  
Greater than four(4) inches and any tap over fifty (50) feet in length and all other taps not listed above, shall be billed at cost including but not limited to labor and materials with a copy of said cost to be furnished to user.  
Cost to locate existing sewer tap on Town Right -of-way shall be \$50.00

**DEPOSITS:**  
Residential shall pay \$150.00 for a deposit before services will be turned on.  
Commercial shall pay \$200.00 for a deposit before services will be turned on.

**OTHER SERVICES:** Location of water or sewer lines on private property with Right of Entry or Affidavit shall be \$100.00. Other services on private property shall be billed on a cost recovery basis. Acceptance and scheduling of the above services shall be at the discretion of the lead supervisor and shall be scheduled based on his department workload.

**Schedule of Other fees and charges:**

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| Delinquent Account Service Fee              | \$25.00  |
| NSF/Return Payment/EFT Fee                  | \$25.00  |
| Meter Profile Request                       | \$25.00  |
| Damaged/Missing Lock, Valve or Fittings.... | \$75.00  |
| Removal of Water Meter                      | \$15.00  |
| Damage to Water Meter                       | \$250.00 ¾ inch meter<br>\$375.00 1 inch meter<br>\$3500.00 2 inch meter<br>\$3910.00 4 inch meter |
| Damage/Missing Water Meter Lid              | \$24.00  |

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Town Council Members for the Town of Iowa, Louisiana, in regular session this date does hereby set the above listed utility rates, services, and account fees. The following Council Members voted:

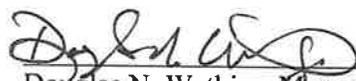
YEAS: Joe Becnel, Julie Fontenot, Gerald Guidry, and Vernessa Guillory  
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Daniel Hennigan

ABSTAIN: None

**WHEREAS,** this resolution was declared adopted on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
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Douglas N. Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cynthia Mallett, Municipal Clerk