

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-355
AUGUST 19, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
AMENDMENT TO SEWER CONNECTION FEE ORDINANCE—FOUR-MILE EAST AND EASTER LAKE AREA TRUNK SEWERS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

The City has determined the necessity of establishing a policy and a procedure to be utilized to recover the cost of designing and constructing major sanitary sewer facilities in those instances in which a significant number of the properties to be benefited by such facilities are not sufficiently developed to permit the recovery of those costs through the special assessment process as provided in Chapter 384, Division IV of the Iowa Code. On May 16, 1994, City Council approved Ordinance 13,038 establishing a procedure for setting the fee for connection to major sanitary sewer facilities. On November 6, 1994, Roll Call No. 94-3462, the City Council approved Ordinance 13,088 establishing an initial connection fee for the Four-Mile East Trunk Sewers, and on September 6, 1994, Roll Call No. 94-3874, the City Council approved Ordinance 13,101 establishing an initial connection fee for the Easter Lake Area Trunk Sewers.

FISCAL IMPACT —

It is the intent of these ordinances to set forth the method of recovering up to 100 percent of the cost of designing and constructing such facilities including legal and administrative expenses associated therewith.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the Amendment to the Sewer Connection Fee Ordinance regarding procedures to be utilized in establishing connection fees to recoup the cost of constructing major sanitary sewer facilities; approval of the Final Connection Fee for the Four-Mile Trunk Sewer System; and approval of the Final Connection Fee for the Easter Lake Trunk Sewer.

BACKGROUND —

On February 19, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-560, the City Council made final acceptance of the work included in the Four-Mile East Trunk Sewer Project. A detailed analysis of the project costs produces a final connection fee of \$1,134.66 per acre within the original service area for the first year.

On April 22, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-1532, the City Council made final acceptance of the work included in the Easter Lake Area Trunk Sewer Project. A detailed analysis of the project costs produces a final connection fee of \$1,749.02 per acre within the original service area for the first year.

The proposed amendments to the ordinances will establish final connection fees within each of the two completed project areas and incorporate a schedule of increasing fees over the next 20 years to reflect adjustments for accrued interest costs.