

**ORDINANCE NO. 84-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 90 “WATER SERVICE SYSTEM” AND 96  
“BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF  
THE CITY OF PALO, IOWA**

**SECTION I. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to update the City’s connection fees for water and sewer services within the City of Palo to better align with similar fees in neighboring communities and to further support the ongoing maintenance of these systems.

**SECTION II. SECTIONS AMENDED.** The following sections of the City Code are hereby amended as follows with underlined text indicating new language and struck through text indicating removal:

**CHAPTER 90**

**90.06 FEE FOR PERMIT AND CONNECTION CHARGE.**

1. Before any permit is issued the person who makes the application shall pay \$25.00 to the Clerk to cover the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating, and inspecting the work.
2. New connections to the water system require a ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$1,500.00 connection fee. The fee will be collected as part of the building permit fees to all new lots and empty lots in the City. This fee must be paid prior to any connections to the established City water system.
3. The City may provide for an alternative connection fee as provided in development agreement.

**CHAPTER 96**

**96.02 CONNECTION CHARGE.**

The person who makes the application shall pay a connection charge in the amount of ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$2,000.00 for a single-family dwelling or commercial dwelling; ~~\$3,000.00~~ \$3,500.00 for a duplex dwelling; and ~~\$4,500.00~~ \$5,000.00 for a triplex, fourplex or more dwelling to reimburse the City for costs borne by the City in making sewer service available to the property served.

**SECTION III. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of September, 2025.



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Eric VanKerckhove, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Jennifer Fencl, City Clerk

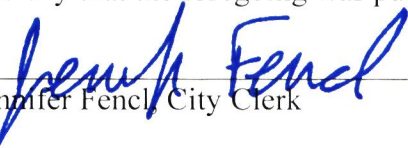
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I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 84-2025 on September 16th, 2025.



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Jennifer Fencl, City Clerk