

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2024

Sec. 16-2. Article I.

Establishment of a Street Improvement Utility and a Street Improvement Fund:

- (a) The City hereby establishes a Street Improvement Utility for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the public transportation system, such as roads, sidewalks, parking lots, traffic signals, and street lighting, ensuring the sustained functionality and safety of the transportation system owned or operated by the City.
- (b) The management and supervision of the Street Maintenance Utility shall be under the direction of the Director of Public Works.
- (c) The City hereby establishes a Street Improvement Fund. All revenues of the Street Improvement Utility shall be deposited into the Street Improvement Fund and used for purposes of the Street Improvement Utility as deemed appropriate by the City Council.

Sec. 16-3 Definitions:

City: The City of Rock Island, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Gross Area: The entire area of a parcel.

Small Parcel (S): Gross area of a parcel that is equal to or less than six thousand (6,000) square feet.

Medium Parcel (M): Gross area of a parcel that is greater than six thousand (6,000) but less than or equal to eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet.

Large Parcel (L): Gross area of a parcel that is greater than eighteen thousand (18,000) but less than or equal to forty-three thousand five hundred and sixty (43,560) square feet.

Extra Large Parcel (XL): Gross area of a parcel greater than forty-three thousand five hundred and sixty (43,560) square feet.

Public Transportation System: All transportation-related components located on city-owned property, city right-of-way, and/or city easements within the city's incorporated limits that the city is contractually or legally obligated to operate and maintain, including, without limitation, streets, alleys, curbs and gutters, bridges, sidewalks, paths, and improvements and installations related to such components, which are designated for use by motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and/or other similar vehicles.

Sec. 16-4. Scope of Responsibility for the Street Improvement Utility:

All fees collected under this chapter will be deposited into the city's Street Improvement Fund. Street Improvement Fund revenues will be used to pay the contracted costs and expenses of operating the Public Transportation System, including, without limitation, costs and expenses associated with the operation, maintenance, repair, engineering, improvement, renewal, safety, replacement, and/or reconstruction of the Transportation System. It will not be necessary that the maintenance and repair expenditures from the street improvement fund relate to any particular property from which the fee(s) for said purposes were collected.

The Street Improvement Fee charges shall be determined by the City Council. The revenue generated by Street Improvement Fee, together with any other sources of revenue that may be made available to the Street Improvement Fund, will be sufficient to meet the obligations of the Street Improvement Fee.

Sec. 16-4 Determination of Fee Charges:

Customer	Rate Per Month
S	\$7.00
M	\$10.00
L	\$20.00
XL	\$30.00

- (a) All parcels in the city shall be charged a Street Improvement Fee, except for street and highway rights-of-way owned by a township, Rock Island County, the city, or the State of Illinois.

Sec. 16-5. Billing and Collection Procedures:

- (a) Billings for the Street Improvement Utility shall be rendered by the Finance Department on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis at the discretion of the Finance Department.
- (b) When Street Improvement Utility service charges are not paid on or before the due date stated on the bill, a penalty of five percent (5%) shall be added. Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the owner or customer to a remission of the penalty.
- (c) Written notice must be given by the parcel owner or authorized agent if it is desired that bills be forwarded to any other address than the parcel address.
- (d) In the event that the City deems it necessary to refer past due Street Improvement Utility service charges to the City Attorney or a collection agency for collection, the City may additionally recover its actual expenses so incurred, including court costs, collection agency fees, and reasonable attorney fees.
- (e) A Street Improvement Utility bill shall be considered delinquent if it remains unpaid for

thirty (30) days after rendition of the bill.

Sec. 16-6 Service Charges Billed in Common:

The Street Improvement Utility charge may be billed on a common statement and collected along with other charges. If the Street Improvement Utility charge is included on a common statement and the customer payment is insufficient to pay the total of all portions of the statement, the payment will be applied in the following priority.

Street Improvement charge

Refuse charge

Stormwater charge

Sewer charge

Water charge

Water service repair program charge

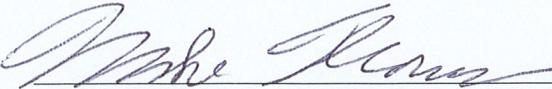
Sewer lateral repair program charge

Sec. 16-7. Appeals:

Any customer who believes the provisions of this article have been applied in error may appeal in the following manner:

- (1) An appeal must be filed in writing with the Public Works Director. In the case of service charge appeals, the appeal shall include a survey prepared by a registered land surveyor or professional engineer containing information on the gross area of the property.
- (2) Using the information provided by the appellant, the Director of Public Works shall conduct a technical review of the gross area of the property and respond to the appeal in writing within sixty (60) days.
- (3) In response to an appeal, the Director of Public Works may adjust the Street Improvement Utility service charge and any late payment penalties applicable to a property in conformance with the general purpose and intent of this article.
- (4) A decision of the Director of Public Works that is adverse to an appellant may be appealed to the City Manager within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of the adverse decision. The appeal must be filed in writing with the City Manager by the appellant and include a detailed explanation of the grounds for the appeal. The City Manager shall issue a written decision on the appeal within sixty (60) days.
- (5) Any appeal of the decision of the City Manager must be made pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Review Act. 735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: April 8, 2024

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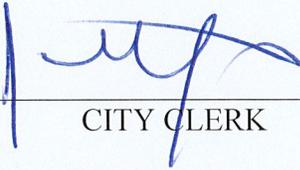
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APPROVED: April 10, 2024

ATTEST:


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NAYS: Robinson

ABSENT: Maynard