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**Sec. 70-96. Service charge schedule.**

(a) *Service connection or reconnection during normal working hours.*

1. Residents. Each prospective water customer who owns property on which they reside within the corporate limits of the City of Minneola shall pay a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable connection fee and each prospective water customer who rents property within the corporate limits shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) non-refundable connection fee to secure water service to his or her residence or business.

2. Non-residents Each prospective water customer who lives outside the corporate limits of the City shall pay to City a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) non-refundable connection fee to secure water service to his or her residence or business.

The non-refundable connection fee shall be charged upon initial service connection, change from temporary to permanent service reconnection after delinquency shutoff, or for transfer of service from one location to the other, provided that there was an existing account at the former location when such connection or reconnection occurs between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding city holidays.

(b) *Service connection or reconnection other than during normal working hours.* A fee of \$100.00 shall be charged upon initial service connection, change from temporary to permanent service reconnection after delinquency shutoff, or for transfer of service from one location to the other, provided that there was an existing account at the former location when such connection or reconnection does not occur between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or occurs on a city holiday.

(c) *Meter rereads and leak inspection.* There shall be no charge for meter rereads and leak inspection.

(d) *Delinquency charge.* An additional amount of ten percent (10%) of all outstanding water and/or wastewater balances, including assessments, fees, charges, and other fees which are not paid in full by the due date as shown on a monthly statement.

(e) *General service calls.* Where the city is requested to respond to a service call to correct a problem with the water system that was not caused by the city, the city may charge the responsible party for all direct labor, direct materials, direct overhead, fringe benefit factor and the city's indirect cost rate pursuant to a formula established by the city.

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**Sec. 70-99. Reduced rates or charges.**

No water service shall be furnished or rendered free of charge or at a reduced rate to any person; provided, however, than any waivers or relief granted pursuant to Section 70-98 of the Minneola Code of Ordinances above are exempt from the terms of this Sec. 70-99.

Section 4. Section 70-101 of the City of Minneola Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 70-101. Deposits required; refund policy.**

(a) *Deposits.* All deposits being held by the City as of the effective date of this Ordinance 2010-27 shall be retained in a non-interest bearing account. Upon the discontinuance of service and following payment of the final bill, such deposit shall be refunded. The City may apply the amount of any deposit against the final bill and refund the difference, if any, to the customer. Any utility accounts created subsequent to the passing of this Ordinance 2010-27 shall require the nonrefundable fee provided for in Section 2 and Section 5 herein.

(b) *Use of fire hydrants.* Prior to using water from a fire hydrant for a non-emergency purpose, an individual shall receive permission from the utility department and pay a deposit established by resolution of the city council and on file in the city clerk's office. This deposit is refundable to the extent that the actual cost of water used from the hydrant is less than the deposit or in full if complete payment is made for all water used.

(c) *Delinquent accounts.* If any one customer allows three or more monthly accounts to become delinquent in any part of a calendar year, the city manager or designee shall have the authority to require any customer who has paid a meter deposit to pay a meter deposit double the amount of the present meter deposit. Further, the City may collect any fees or costs, including buy not limited to, attorney fees and court costs, City incurs in collecting or attempting to collect payment pursuant to Chapter 70 of the City of Minneola Code of Ordinances.