

*CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CITY OF  
MINNEOLA, FLORIDA*

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**Sec. 70-98. Water service billing.**

(a) Bills for monthly charges and fees are due and payable on the tenth day from the date of the bill. If any monthly bill remains unpaid after the tenth day from the date of the bill, a delinquency charge shall be imposed and added to the bill. Any payment remaining unpaid for a period of ten days shall constitute a lien in favor of the city against the property serviced and the city shall record such lien in the public records of the county. The city may discontinue service if payment has not been made on or before 20 days from the date of the bill, and service shall not be reconnected until all connection fees and deposits have been paid to the city. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a customer has had no delinquency charges or disconnects within the 24-month period immediately preceding a delinquency charge or service disconnect for nonpayment, the director of the utility department may waive any delinquency charge or reconnection fee upon request of the customer and payment by the customer of the amount shown on the bill for utility services provided by the city.

(b) If any customer issues a check to the city which is refused due to insufficient funds, the utilities department may collect a service charge from the customer of an amount established by resolution of the city council and on file in the city clerk's office. Additionally, the utility may require that future payments by the customer be in cash or by certified funds.

(Code 1980, § 21-57; Ord. No. 2001-26, § 2(21-57), 9-25-2001)

**FLORIDA STATUTE 166.251**

166.251 Service fee for dishonored check.--The governing body of a municipality may adopt a service fee not to exceed the service fees authorized under s. 832.08

(a) Twenty-five dollars, if the face value does not exceed \$50.

(b) Thirty dollars, if the face value is more than \$50 but does not exceed \$300.

(c) Forty dollars, if the face value is more than \$300.