

Sec. 74-9. Deposits.

- (a) *Required; amount.* Before rendering service, the city shall require from the customer a deposit to secure payment of bills. The amount of such deposit for residential customers shall be according to the following Table B, or such larger amount as the finance director determines is necessary to provide adequate security considering individual circumstances. Such deposits may be held by the city until final settlement of the customer's account. The city may require an additional deposit from a customer, based on the customer's payment record. The deposit for commercial customers shall be three times the average monthly bill, and may initially be estimated based upon prior bills at the same location.

TABLE B For Residential Only

Meter Size (inches)	Residential Customer
5/8 x 3/4	\$125.00
1	\$315.00
1½	\$625.00
2	\$1,000.00
3	\$2,000.00
4	\$2,500.00
6	\$3,125.00
8	\$10,000.00
Fire Hydrant	\$800.00

- (b) *Alternative deposits.* The following alternatives to the standard deposits described in the preceding section are also available:
- (1) A letter of good credit standing from a comparable utility company with which the customer has previously received service. The letter must cover a credit history no older than one year from the initiation date of service with the city, must show timeliness of payments over the no less than a 12-month continuous period of time, and must be in reference to the same person initiating utility service with the city.
 - (2) An irrevocable letter of credit.
 - (3) A surety bond.
- (c) *Refunds.* After a customer whose property is situated within the city limits has established a satisfactory record and has had continuous service for a period of not less than 12 months, city will credit the deposit to the customer's account, provided the customer has not in the preceding six months:
- (1) Paid with a check refused by a bank;
 - (2) Been disconnected for nonpayment;
 - (3) Tampered with the water meter; or
 - (4) Used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

Guaranty deposit refunds to eligible customers will be made at the next billing cycle after qualification. The deposit shall be credited to the customer's account, unless a direct refund is requested by the customer and received in writing at least 30 days prior to the due date of the deposit credit.

No deposits shall be directly refunded once they have been applied to the account.