

CSC20093  
**POLICY FOR DEPOSITS/INITIATION FEES**  
SECTION 15.48.030 OF THE GOVERNING ORDINANCE

**BASIS OF CONSIDERATION:**

New Commercial customers establishing service shall be required to pay a deposit. Residential customers who secure water and/or sewerage service from the department having two or more instances of cut-off for non-payment, collection activity (In-house or collection agency), broken payment arrangements, bad checks, delinquent notification, or illegal usage within a twelve (12) month period shall be required to post a deposit to insure the Metropolitan Government against loss of revenue. Metro Water Services will audit accounts periodically to guarantee the customer has an adequate deposit with the department. Deposit amounts may be reassessed based on credit history changes.

Residential Customers

Residential customers establishing new service or transferring service shall be required to pay a non-refundable initiation fee. A deposit may be required when deemed necessary based on personal credit history obtained through a third party. The amount of such deposit shall be an amount equal to twice an average monthly bill or a minimum of the following whichever is greater:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewerage</u>	<u>Water Only</u>
All meter sizes	\$100.00	\$ 50.00

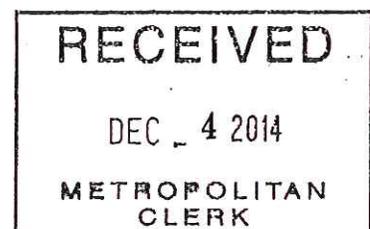
**Deposit Refund**

Residential customers in good standing with Metro Water Services after 12 consecutive billing periods will no longer be required to maintain a deposit. Cash deposits will be automatically refunded.

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**Commercial Customers**

Commercial customers establishing new service or transferring service shall be required to pay a deposit, or in lieu of deposit, shall be required to provide one of the following: Bond, Certificate of deposit, Irrevocable Letter of credit, or other legal instrument to ensure payment of the account. Commercial customers who have an established account may be waived from securing a deposit for a new account after an internal review has been performed. The amount of the deposit shall be an amount equal to twice an average monthly bill or a minimum of the following whichever is greater:



### Small Commercial Users

Average twelve-month usage  $\leq 16\text{ccf}$

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewerage</u>	<u>Water Only</u>
5/8-3"	\$200.00	\$100.00
4-8" or Larger	700.00	250.00

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### Intermediate Commercial Users

Average twelve-month usage  $16\text{ccf} \geq 2000\text{ccf}$

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewerage</u>	<u>Water Only</u>
5/8-3"	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
4-8" or Larger	2,500.00	800.00

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### Large & Industrial Users

Average twelve-month usage  $> 2000\text{ccf}$

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewerage</u>	<u>Water Only</u>
All meter sizes	\$25,000.00	\$9,000.00

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### Deposit Refund

Commercial customers in good standing with Metro Water Services after 24 consecutive billing periods will no longer be required to maintain a deposit. Cash deposits will be automatically refunded. Metro Water Services will release non-cash deposits in accordance with the financial institution requirements.

Recommended by:

Date:

M. J. [Signature]

9.10.05

Approved by:

Date:

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10 Sep 05

