



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Public Services - Water Service - Billing - Waiving Late Penalties -- For the purpose of allowing the Finance Director to waive certain late utility penalties, and generally regarding City of Annapolis utility fees.

**Sponsors:** Sheila Finlayson, Ross Arnett, Dajuan K. Gay, Karma O'Neill, Rhonda Pindell Charles, Brooks Schandelmeier, Elly Tierney, Rob Savidge, Gavin Buckley

**Indexes:** Environmental Matters Committee, Finance Committee

**Code sections:**

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
10/10/2022	2	City Council	adopt on second reader	Pass
10/10/2022	2	City Council	adopt on third reader	Pass
10/10/2022	2	City Council	Cosponsor added	
9/22/2022	2	Environmental Matters Committee	Cosponsor added	
9/22/2022	2	Environmental Matters Committee	recommend favorably	Pass
9/21/2022	2	Finance Committee	recommend favorably	Pass
9/12/2022	2	City Council	Cosponsor added	
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9/12/2022	2	City Council	declare the public hearing closed	
7/25/2022	2	City Council	adopt on first reader	Pass
7/25/2022	2	City Council	refer to Annapolis Education Commission	
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CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
**City of Annapolis**

**Ordinance 27-22**

**Introduced by: Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson**

**Co-Sponsored by: Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier,  
Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Arnett, Alderman Savidge, and Mayor Buckley**

**Referred to**

Environmental Matters Committee  
Finance Committee

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

**PUBLIC SERVICES - Water Service - Billing - Waiving Late Penalties**

**FOR** the purpose of allowing the Finance Director to waive certain late utility penalties, and generally regarding City of Annapolis utility fees.

**BY** adding the following portions to the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition  
**16.04.090**

**BY** repealing the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2022 Edition  
**16.08.060**  
**16.16.020**

**SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

**TITLE 16 - PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Chapter 16.04 - WATER AND SEWER SERVICE GENERALLY**

**Section 16.04.090 - BILLING AND LATE FEES**

A. A BILL FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE SHALL BE ISSUED EACH QUARTER UNLESS THE CITY HAS RECEIVED A WRITTEN REQUEST TO TERMINATE SERVICE FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER OR PERSON BEING BILLED FOR THE SERVICE.

B. A PENALTY OF TEN (10) PERCENT SHALL BE ADDED TO EACH BILL UNPAID AFTER THIRTY (30) DAYS. IF REQUESTED BY A CUSTOMER, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR MAY WAIVE THE PENALTY CHARGE. WAIVERS OF PENALTY CHARGES SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE PER CUSTOMER PER FISCAL YEAR.

C. ALL CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES SHALL BE A LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY TO BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS MUNICIPAL TAXES ARE COLLECTED.

D. WHEN THE OWNER OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TERMINATES WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FOR AT LEAST ONE CALENDAR QUARTER, THE CHARGE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION SHALL ALSO BE TERMINATED UNTIL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IS RESTORED.

**TITLE 16 - PUBLIC SERVICES**  
**Chapter 16.08 - WATER SERVICE**  
**16.08.060 - Billing.**

~~**Section 16.08.060 – Billing.**~~

- ~~A. A bill for water service shall be issued each quarter, unless the City has received a written request to terminate service from the property owner or person being billed for the service.~~
- ~~B. A penalty of ten percent shall be added to each bill unpaid after thirty days.~~
- ~~C. All charges for water shall be a lien upon the property to be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes are collected.~~
- ~~D. When the owner of a residential property terminates water service for at least one calendar quarter, the charge for refuse collection shall also be terminated until water service is restored.~~

**TITLE 16 - PUBLIC SERVICES**  
**Chapter 16.16 - Sewer Service**  
**16.16.020 - Billing-Penalty-Lien-Collection.**

~~**16.16.020 – Billing-Penalty-Lien-Collection.**~~

- ~~A. A penalty of ten percent shall be added to each sewer service bill unpaid after thirty days.~~
- ~~B. All charges for sewer service shall be a lien upon the property to be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes are collected.~~

**SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

**EXPLANATION**

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.  
[Strikethrough] indicates matter stricken from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments.