

**CHAPTER 3.38  
CHECKS AND DRAFTS**

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- 3.38.010 Dishonored Checks, Drafts, and ACH Transactions: A service or handling fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be assessed against any person giving the City of Moses Lake a returned ACH transaction or what is commonly known as an "NSF" check or draft or giving the City of Moses Lake a check on or a draft on an account which is closed. An "NSF" check or draft is a check or draft dishonored by the bank upon which it is drawn because the account contains insufficient funds to cover the check or draft. (Ord. 2562, 5/11/10; Ord. 2281, 12/12/06; Ord. 1971, 11/14/00; Ord. 1883, 12/14/99; Ord. 1186, 1985)
- 3.38.020 Assessment in Addition to Other Fees: The service or handling charge set forth in 3.38.010 shall be in addition to all other fees, penalties, and charges that accrue until payment is made in cash. (Ord. 1186, 1985)
- 3.38.030 Service or Handling Fee, Charge on Utility Accounts: Any service or handling fee set forth in section 3.38.010 which is assessed as a result of the receipt of a check or draft for payment of a utility account may be added to the utility account. (Ord. 1186, 1985)
- 3.38.040 Refusal of Checks or Drafts: Any department of the City of Moses Lake may refuse to accept checks or drafts from any persons who have previously given "NSF" checks or drafts or checks or drafts which are drawn on accounts which are closed in payment for city services. (Ord. 1186, 1985)