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Peoples Bank Overdraft Management Service

It’s important for you to understand how overdrafts can occur and the steps you can take to try to avoid them. Peoples Bank’s standard overdraft practice is called Overdraft Management Service, or OMS. OMS is an automated transaction decision engine that comes standard with your checking account(s).

It is also important to understand the fees associated with overdraft and non-sufficient funds activity.

**Non-Sufficient Funds**

A debit transaction is considered non-sufficient funds (NSF) when it is presented for payment, your account lacks sufficient available funds to pay that item, and that transaction is returned unpaid.

**Overdrafts**

An overdraft occurs when a debit transaction is presented against your account for payment, your account lacks sufficient available funds to pay that item, and the Bank pays the item resulting in a negative account balance.

The payment of overdrafts is at the Bank’s discretion, which means we do not guarantee that we will always authorize and pay any type of transaction. The fact that we may have done so in the past does not obligate us to do it again. Customers that choose not to participate in OMS will have all transactions attempting to post against an account with insufficient funds returned as NSF and a fee will be charged for each.

**Types of Transactions**

There are many types of debit transactions that we may authorize and pay into overdraft. A debit transaction is any transaction that removes money from your account. The following is a list of some, but not all, debit transactions:

- Checks
- ACH
- Withdrawals
- ATM withdrawals\(^1\)
- Bill payments
- Wire transfers
- Fees or service charges
- Everyday Debit Card purchases\(^1\)

\(^1\) We do not authorize and pay overdrafts for ATM transactions and everyday debit card transactions for consumers unless you ask us to. Consumers can reference the Opt-In Disclosure if you’d like those authorized and paid. This service is standard for non-personal accounts.
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Account Balance
The Bank uses ledger balance minus holds to determine whether funds are available in an account, and an overdraft or non-sufficient funds fee may be assessed if funds are unavailable. The ledger balance is the balance in your account after all previous day’s activity has been posted. Holds are defined as any debit card holds, check holds or operational holds and will be subtracted from the ledger balance before items are posted according to the processing order listed on page 3.

The account balance you can see during the course of the day using tools such as our mobile banking app will show current day transactions in order to keep you well informed. While you can view these transactions, they are not made effective until they are posted according to the processing order which occurs during overnight processing after each business day. Business days are Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays.

Holds Impact Your Available Balance
Check Holds occur when, in accordance with the Bank’s Expedited Funds Availability Policy, the availability of the funds from your check deposit has been delayed. The resulting hold means that all or a portion of that check is subtracted from your ledger balance until the hold is released.

Operational Holds occur when an extraordinary circumstance, such as fraud or a court order to freeze funds, occurs. The resulting hold means that the amount subject to the circumstance is subtracted from your ledger balance until released.

Debit Card Holds are also subtracted from your ledger balance. On debit card purchases, merchants may request a temporary hold on your account for a specified sum of money, which may be more than the actual amount of your purchase. When this happens, our processing system cannot determine that the amount of the hold exceeds the actual amount of your purchase. This temporary hold, and the amount charged to your account, will eventually be adjusted to the actual amount of your purchase, but it may be up to three days before the adjustment is made. Until the adjustment is made, the amount of funds in your account available for other transactions will be reduced by the amount of the temporary hold.

Fees
When an item is presented for payment and your account does not have sufficient funds available to pay it, the result is either an NSF or overdraft and the Bank may charge a fee for each occurrence.

- We will charge you $35 each time we pay an overdraft or return an item as NSF
- This fee is waived for items less than or equal to $5.00 or if your available balance at the end of the day is overdrawn $5.00 or less
- You could receive up to a limit of six $35 fees in a business day
- There is no limit on the total fees we can charge you for overdrawning your account over time
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Processing Order
Transactions are not processed in the chronological order that they may have been authorized during the business day. During nightly processing they are reorganized by category. It is important to understand the processing order because it can impact the fees you pay.

All credit transactions will be processed before debits. Debits will be processed in ascending amount order by category and each category will process in the following order:

1. In Branch Transactions/Checks Negotiated in a Peoples Bank Branch/ATM Transactions/Transfers/Outgoing Wires/Person to Person Transactions/Overdraft or Non-Sufficient Funds Fees From Previous Day’s Transactions/Deposit Return Items.
3. Checks Processed at Other Financial Institutions.
4. Other Peoples Bank Fees or Service Charges.

Additional Methods to avoid NSF and Overdraft
We have expanded our Overdraft Management Service to provide you with additional options to ensure you are covered. These are optional services and may result in additional fees or charges.

Linked Overdraft Protection Account
Link a Peoples Bank Savings, Money Market or other Peoples Bank checking account to your primary account to cover overdrafts. In the event your account is overdrawn, funds are transferred to cover the deficit. There is a $5 Deficit Transfer Fee to transfer money and cover your overdraft which is only charged if the transfer is sufficient to cover the entire amount of your overdraft. Call or visit any branch to link your accounts.

Express Line of Credit
If you have an Express Line of Credit, we can transfer funds up to your available credit limit to cover overdrafts. An Express Line of Credit application is available at any branch location or online.*

Home Equity Line of Credit
Use your Home Equity Line of Credit and advance funds when needed using the equity in your house. A Home Equity Line of Credit application is available at any branch location or online.*

Business Line of Credit
If you are a Business with a Line of Credit, we can transfer funds up to your available credit limit to cover overdrafts. A Business Line of Credit application is available at any branch location.*

*Lines of Credit are subject to credit approval and fees may apply.
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Balance Alerts
Our online banking services offer multiple methods to monitor your balances, as well as send you alerts when your account reaches a target balance.

If you are enrolled in more than one of our overdraft services, we strive to use the method(s) that results in the lowest fees to you.

For questions or assistance regarding overdrafts, overdraft fees and ways to avoid them please contact Peoples Bank Customer Service at 800-584-8859 or visit your nearest Peoples Bank branch location.