

What You Need to Know About Overdrafts and Overdraft Fees

An **overdraft** occurs when you do not have enough money in your available balance at the time the Bank pays the transaction and it is posted to your account, but we pay it anyway. We can cover your overdrafts in two different ways:

1. We have **standard overdraft practices** that come with your account. This program is called the Sierra Overdraft Privilege.
2. We also offer **overdraft protection plans**, such as a link to a savings account or a line of credit, which may be less expensive than our standard overdraft practices. To learn more, ask us about these plans.

This notice explains our **standard overdraft practices**.

What are the **standard overdraft practices** that come with my account?

We **generally** authorize and pay overdrafts for the following types of transactions:

- Checks and other transactions made using your checking account number (e.g., ACHs)
- Automatic bill payments

We **do not** authorize overdrafts for the following types of transactions unless you ask us to (see below):

- ATM transactions
- Everyday debit card transactions

We pay overdrafts at our discretion, which means we **do not guarantee** that we will always authorize and pay any type of transaction.

If we do **not** authorize an overdraft, your transaction will be declined or returned.

What fees will I be charged if Bank of the Sierra pays my overdraft?

Under our standard overdraft practices:

- We will charge you a fee of up to **\$35** each time we pay an overdraft.
- We will not charge you a fee if you had a sufficient available balance at the time a debit-card transaction was authorized even if you have an insufficient available balance when we pay the transaction as long as the authorization amount is the posted amount.
- We will not charge you a fee if your account is overdrawn by \$35.00 or less on any given day.
- We will not charge you a fee for any transaction that is \$10.00 or less regardless of your available balance.
- We will not charge you a fee if you have pending credits at or deposits related to debit card network transactions at the end of the day that are sufficient to cover any insufficient funds in excess of \$35.
- There is a daily limit of \$140 in overdraft fees charged per day on your account.

What if I want Bank of the Sierra to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions?

If you also want us to authorize and pay overdrafts on ATM and everyday debit card transactions, call 1.888.454.BANK, visit our website at BankoftheSierra.com, or complete the form below and present it at any Bank of the Sierra branch office or mail it to: Bank of the Sierra, P.O. Box 1930, Porterville, CA 93258-1930. You can revoke your authorization for Bank of the Sierra to pay these overdrafts at any time by any of the above methods. Your revocation must include both your name and account number so that we can properly identify your account.

I **do not** want Bank of the Sierra to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions.

I want Bank of the Sierra to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Account Number: _____