

**CITY OF GEORGETOWN  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -07**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO SEWER USER CLASSIFICATIONS.**

**SUMMARY**

1. Provides that the Georgetown City Council will be considering the creation of a special class of sewer users, which is proposed to consist of senior citizens over the age of sixty-five (65).
2. Indicates that the proposed class, if lawfully adopted, would receive a ten percent (10%) discount on monthly water and sewer service.
3. Includes a start date of June 1, 2023 for the proposed discount, if adopted, and confirms the discount's effectiveness until amended or eliminated by ordinance.
4. States that the proposed discount is not anticipated to negatively impact the construction and installation of sewer facilities and defines the total savings to be realized by the customers within the proposed class on an annual basis.
5. Defines the conditions and limitations of the proposed discount, provides the details of the public hearing to be held and indicates that the City Council may adopt a second ordinance to accept or reject the proposed discount, in whole or in part.
6. Otherwise provides for compliance with the requirements of KRS 96.910 – KRS 96.927.
7. Provides for repeal of inconsistent laws, severability of provisions, and an effective date upon passage and publication.

The full text of this Ordinance is available for examination in the City Clerk's Office, 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324 or at [www.georgetownky.gov](http://www.georgetownky.gov).

PUBLICLY INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME:                      March 27, 2023

PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME AND PASSED:                      April 10, 2023

APPROVED:                      *Burney Jenkins*  
Burney Jenkins (Apr 11, 2023 22:28 EDT)  
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Burney Jenkins, Mayor

ATTEST:                      *Tracie Hoffman*  
Tracie Hoffman (Apr 12, 2023 10:31 EDT)  
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Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk

I, Devon E. Golden, hereby certify I am an Attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. My office is located at 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324. I further certify the foregoing Summary of Ordinance 2023-07 of the City of Georgetown, Kentucky, was prepared in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9) and is a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Ordinance.



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Devon E. Golden

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SPONSORS: Sonja Wilkins Brent and Greg Hampton

**WHEREAS**, the City of Georgetown recently enacted Ordinance No. 2023-01, which increased rates for water and sewer service provided by the Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that utility rate increases can disproportionately negatively impact certain groups of citizens, including senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS 96.910 – KRS 96.927 authorizes the governing body of a city to establish a special class of sewer user after considering the interests of public health, safety, and general welfare of the entire community, and reasonable ultimate quality of financial burden to users similarly situated; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to adopting a new class of sewer users, KRS 96.910 – KRS 96.927 requires a public hearing allowing any affected sewer user in the territory to provide comments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City of Georgetown will consider the creation of a special class of sewer users including all primary residences within the GMWSS service territory providing service to senior citizens over the age of sixty-five (65) years because senior citizens may be more prone to disproportionate negative impacts of utility rate increases than the general community.

Section 2: That the City of Georgetown will consider a ten percent (10%) discount on the monthly usage rates for water and sewer service for this proposed class (hereinafter referred to as the “Senior Discount”).

Section 3: That the Senior Discount is proposed to become effective for bills issued on and after June 1, 2023.

Section 4: That the Senior Discount, if adopted, shall be valid until amended or eliminated by ordinance of the Georgetown City Council.

Section 5: That the Senior Discount, if adopted, is not anticipated to have material negative impact on the construction and installation of sewer facilities, including reconstructing, replacing, repairing, extending, improving, enlarging, adding to, or completing any existing facilities.

Section 6: That the proposed Senior Discount, based on current GMWSS rates, would save an estimated two thousand one hundred (2,100) eligible customers an aggregate of seventy-six thousand three hundred fifty-six dollars (\$76,356.00) annually when considering both water and sewer usage.

Section 7: That the proposed Senior Discount would be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (a) Customers of the age of sixty-five (65) or older presenting proof of age and residence, in the manner specified by GMWSS Staff and to the satisfaction of GMWSS Staff, shall be eligible for a discount of ten percent (10%) on the water and/or sanitary sewer portions of their bill.
- (b) The Senior Discount shall not be applicable to any other part of the bill, including, but not limited to solid waste (Republic discount is still applicable), 911 Fee (City of Georgetown), late fees, disconnection fees, taxes, etc.
- (c) The primary residence of the customer receiving the Senior Discount shall be the only property/address/service to which the discount shall be applied.

Section 8: That a hearing for the purpose of accepting comments from affected sewer users shall be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at Georgetown City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 North Court Street, Georgetown, KY 40324.

Section 9: That the Georgetown City Council hereby designates Burney Jenkins, Mayor, to preside over the aforementioned hearing.

Section 10: That the Georgetown City Council, at any regular meeting after the  
aforementioned hearing, may adopt an ordinance, which may provide for rejection or adoption or  
partial adoption of the proposed Senior Discount, or total or partial adoption with modifications.

Section 11: Any and all existing ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are  
repealed.

Section 12: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is  
held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmities shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
portions of this ordinance.

Section 13: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and  
publication according to law.

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