

**CITY OF GEORGETOWN
ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -08**

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO SEWER USER CLASSIFICATIONS.

SUMMARY

1. Creates a special class of sewer users, which shall consist of senior citizens over the age of sixty-five (65).
2. Provides a ten percent (10%) discount on monthly water and sewer service for senior citizens receiving service from GMWSS.
3. Includes a start date of June 1, 2023 for the discount and confirms the discount's effectiveness until amended or eliminated by ordinance.
4. Otherwise provides for compliance with the requirements of KRS 96.910 – KRS 96.927.
5. Provides for repeal of inconsistent laws, severability of provisions, and an effective date upon passage and publication according to law.

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.

PUBLICLY INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME: May 8, 2023

PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME AND PASSED: May 25, 2023

APPROVED: *Burney Jenkins*
[Burney Jenkins \(May 30, 2023 14:00 EDT\)](#)
Burney Jenkins, Mayor

ATTEST: *Tracie Hoffman*
[Tracie Hoffman \(May 31, 2023 12:57 EDT\)](#)
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 2023-08 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.



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 (“GMWSS”); 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, and such a hearing was held on April 24, 2023, to discuss a proposal to provide a discount to senior citizens for water and sewer service provided by GMWSS; and

WHEREAS, at the public meeting, no person spoke in opposition to the proposed rate discount for water and sewer service provided by GMWSS; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to adopt the proposed Senior Discount;

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

Section 1: A special class of water and sewer users is hereby created to encompass senior citizens over the age of sixty-five (65) years receiving residential water and sewer service from GMWSS.

Section 2: Qualifying GMWSS customers of this new special class of water and sewer users shall receive 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 shall become effective for bills issued on and after June 1, 2023.

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

Section 5: That the proposed Senior Discount shall 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 6: Any and all existing ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 7: 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 8: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication in full or summary according to law.

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