

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Charter for the City of Bonifay, Florida, was adopted by referendum on January 15, 1991, and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1.01, of the City Charter of the City of Bonifay, Florida, empowers and enables the City of Bonifay to conduct municipal services, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, is vested with the authority to establish reasonable classifications of consumers of municipal services such as water and sewer and to establish variable rates for such classifications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, finds that an additional classification of consumers, senior citizens over the age of 65, are in need of discounted rates for residential water and wastewater services as set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, hereby establishes the Senior Citizen Discount Program for residential water and wastewater services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida that the Senior Citizen Discount Program for the City of Bonifay Utility (Water and Sewer) services is hereby established:

Section 1. Senior Citizen Water Service Rate Reductions:

Any person 65 years of age or over who receives water service at his or her personal residence may apply for a _____ reduction in the water service charges of the City. Applications for reduced rates shall be on forms supplied by the City. A reduced rate shall be granted to each qualifying applicant who files an application with the City Clerk. A change of address terminates the special rate provided in this ordinance, but a new application by such person at his or her new address may be made and the reduced rate shall be allowed, if the requirements set out in this Ordinance are satisfied.

Section 2. Qualifications:

To qualify for the reduction, the total income of all members of the household shall not exceed:

1. [Text dollar amount of sum] dollars per month for one occupant;
2. [Text dollar amount of sum] dollars per month for two occupants;
3. [Text dollar amount of sum] dollars per month for three occupants;
4. [Text dollar amount of sum] dollars per month for four or more occupants.
5. In determining qualifications, other members of the household may be under 65 years of age, if the water service customer is over 65 years of age and the income set out in this Section is not exceeded by the total income of all members of the household.

Section 3. Severability:

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held, for any reason, to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

FIRST READING in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

SECOND READING in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, after due notice, publication, and second reading on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

City Of Bonifay

By: _____
Dr. Emily Rone McCann, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Rickey Callahan, City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form:

By: _____
Michelle Blankenship Jordan, City Attorney