

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1989

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, REPEALING RESOLUTIONS 763 AND 1718 AND REPLACING THEM WITH A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT FOR SANITARY SEWER RATEPAYERS

WHEREAS, in January 2003, the Lake Forest Park City Council passed Resolution 763, which authorized the Mayor to implement a 50% Low-income Senior Citizen Discount program for sanitary sewer ratepayers who qualified; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, the City Council passed Resolution 1718, which expanded the discount program to low-income persons with permanent disabilities recognized by the Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, in the current economic climate, the City Council sees a need to expand the discount program further to all low-income persons regardless of age or disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. REPEAL. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park hereby repeals Resolutions 763 and Resolution 1718.

Section 2. AUTHORIZE SEWER RATE LOW INCOME DISCOUNT PROGRAM. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park authorizes the Mayor to implement a Low-Income Discount Program (the "Program") for its sanitary sewer ratepayers who reside within the City's sanitary sewer service area and who qualify under the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution and that the discount offered shall be equal to a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the ratepayer's bi-monthly residential sewer bill.

Section 3. QUALIFYING FOR PROGRAM. To be eligible for this discount the ratepayer must (1) have owned and resided at the property for at least one year prior to the date of application and/or renewal; (2) have received less than 50% of the local area median household gross annual income during the previous year, using the official annual income guidelines established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and (3) not reside in housing which is in any way considered to be Federally Subsidized Public Housing.

Section 4. PROGRAM APPLICATION. Persons applying for the Program shall be required to complete the City forms, copies of which are attached to this Resolution as Exhibits A (Application) and B (Income Filing Form) and must submit the documentary proof that may be required by those forms. Qualification for the Program must be reestablished each year by the qualified ratepayer submitting to the City, no later than by January 31 of each calendar year, evidence that the ratepayer is still qualified for the Program. Proof shall be in the form of the ratepayer's form 1040 for the previous calendar year or such other documentary proof as the City may reasonably require.

Section 5. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS. The City shall have the power to adopt, modify, amend and/or establish the rules and regulations and conditions under which the Program will be operated and to establish a new and revised discount rate, to be applied to the ratepayers of the City as part of the City's budgetary process each year.

Section 6. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this _____ day of November 2024.

APPROVED:

Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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