

**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 786 -09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.02 AND 13.20 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING A SENIOR DISCOUNT FOR SEWER AND STORM SEWER UTILITY RATE CHARGES.**

**WHEREAS**, On May 20, 2009, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 777-09, which established a discount on water utility rates for low income senior citizen and disabled persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to also establish a discount on sewer and storm sewer utility rates for low income senior citizen and disabled persons;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 13.02 of the Granite Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended by adopting GFMC 13.02.103 to read as follows:

**13.02.103 Low-Income Senior Citizens or Disabled Persons Discount.** For senior citizens with low income or for disabled persons hereinafter defined, the single-family residential unit charge shall be as established for sewer services at thirty percent less than the current water rates set forth in GFMC 13.02.100.

A. The rate established of seniors is restricted to single-family residences primarily occupied by a senior citizen or senior citizens being 62 years of age or older and having an annual income below fifty percent of the median level as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton area. Discount rate is restricted to minimum residential meter size.

B. To qualify as a disabled person, the disability is defined as the inability to do any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. To qualify for the disabled discount, said rate is restricted to single-family residences primarily occupied by a disabled person. The discount rates provided for herein are available only upon application, which is required to be updated annually by the customer.

**Section 2.** Chapter 13.20 of the Granite Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended by adopting GFMC 13.20.160 to read as follows:

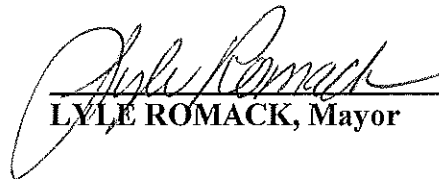
**13.02.160 Low-Income Senior Citizens or Disabled Persons Discount.** For senior citizens with low income or for disabled persons hereinafter defined, the single-family residential unit charge shall be as established for storm sewer services at thirty percent less than the current water rates set forth in GFMC 13.20.150.

A. The rate established of seniors is restricted to single-family residences primarily occupied by a senior citizen or senior citizens being 62 years of age or older and having an annual income below fifty percent of the median level as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton area. Discount rate is restricted to minimum residential meter size.

B. To qualify as a disabled person, the disability is defined as the inability to do any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. To qualify for the disabled discount, said rate is restricted to single-family residences primarily occupied by a disabled person. The discount rates provided for herein are available only upon application, which is required to be updated annually by the customer.

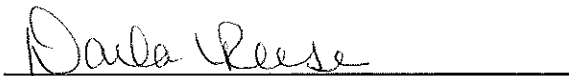
**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective five days after publication.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council for the City of Granite Falls on the 2nd day of December, 2009, and signed in authentication for its passage this 11th day of December, 2009.

  
LYLE ROMACK, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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DARLA REESE, City Clerk

CRAIG D. KNUTSON, City Attorney

DATE OF FIRST AND FINAL READING:

12-02-09

DATE OF PUBLICATION:

12-15-09

EFFECTIVE DATE:

12-20-09