

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 950-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.02.103, 13.16.258, AND 13.20.160 OF THE GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING A LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABLED PERSONS DISCOUNT FOR WATER, 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. Granite Falls Municipal Code Section 13.02.103 “Low-income senior citizens or disabled persons discount” is hereby amended 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 water services at 30 percent less than the current water rates set forth in GFMC 13.02.100.

A. The rate established for 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 the annual total household income specified by the Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table provided in the City of Granite Falls Low Income Seniors/Disabled Utility Rate Assistance Program Application. The qualified income levels identified in the Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table is based on the 2016 Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table and will be adjusted on a biennial basis using the annual (April) Seattle-area CPI-U issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The discount rates provided for herein are available only upon application, which is required to be updated biennially by the customer. 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 biennially by the customer.

Section 2. Granite Falls Municipal Code Section 13.16.258 “Low-income senior citizens or disabled persons discount” is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.258 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 water services at 30 percent less than the current water rates set forth in GFMC 13.16.246.

A. The rate established for 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 the annual total household income specified by the Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table provided in the City of Granite Falls Low Income Seniors/Disabled Utility Rate Assistance Program Application. The qualified income levels identified in the Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table is based on the 2016 Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table and will be adjusted on a biennial basis using the annual (April) Seattle-area CPI-U issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The discount rates provided for herein are available only upon application, which is required to be updated biennially by the customer. 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 biennially by the customer. Discount rate is restricted to minimum residential meter size.

Section 3. Granite Falls Municipal Code Section 13.20.160 “Low-income senior citizens or disabled persons discount” is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.160 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 water services at 30 percent less than the current water rates set forth in GFMC 13.20.150.

A. The rate established for 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 the annual total household income specified by the Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table provided in the City of Granite Falls Low Income Seniors/Disabled Utility Rate Assistance Program Application. The qualified income levels identified in the Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table is based on the 2016 Eligibility for Low Income Senior Citizens and Disabled table and will be adjusted on

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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~~ ^{biennially} by the customer. Discount rate is restricted to minimum residential meter size.

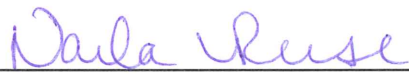
Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after publication.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council for the City of Granite Falls on the 18th day of July 2018 and signed in authentication for its passage this 18th day of July, 2018.



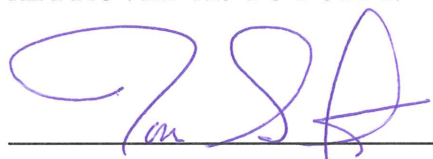
MATTHEW HARTMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:



DARLA REESE, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



THOM GRAAFSTRA, City Attorney

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