

**ORDINANCE NO. 1162 (2025)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CRAIG CITY COUNCIL REPEALING AND REPLACING  
CRAIG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 48, SECTION 015, TITLED  
“SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT”**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Craig, Colorado ("**CITY**") is a home rule municipality duly and regularly organized and now validly existing as a body corporate and public under and by virtue of the Colorado Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the **CITY** wishes to grant a discount on the base rate of the water and sewer monthly service charges ("service charges") to residents meeting certain requirements of age, disability or financial condition; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to help maintain livability for members of the community in the face of rising costs of living; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has found that the amendments contained herein are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO THAT CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 48, SECTION 015 OF THE CODE IS REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING TITLE AND REVISIONS;**

**Sec. 13-48-015. “ CRAIG WATER AND SEWER BASE RATE DISCOUNT PROGRAM“.**

- (a) Any user of the Town systems who is a natural person, customer of the utility and resident who meets any of the following qualifications may apply for a sewer and water monthly base rate service charge discount. The user must:
  - (1) be permanently disabled and provide a statement from a physician on professional letterhead;
  - (2) be enrolled in a federal or state financial assistance program and provide proof of enrollment; or
  - (3) have maintained his or her primary residence within the City for at least the last ten (10) years and is sixty-five (65) years of age or older. If yes, provide proof of residency.
- (b) Application shall be made on such forms as shall be provided by the City, for a water and sewer monthly base rate service charge discount from the City in an amount equal to **twenty percent (20%)** of the base rate service charge as may be amended from time to time.
- (c) Each service charge discount application shall be examined and reviewed by the City Manager for such purpose and, if he or she is satisfied that the applicant qualifies for a discount, he or she shall direct the Finance Director to apply the discount to which the

applicant is entitled to the subsequent month's billing period. The discount will then be applied to the monthly base rate service charges moving forward. Should the resident no longer reside at the residence identified on the application, the discount will terminate. Each new calendar year will require the applicant to contact the City Utilities Department and complete or update an application in order to keep the discount in-force for the next calendar year, assuming qualifying criteria listed in 13-48-015 (a) still apply.

1. The “Water and Sewer Base Rate Discount Program” may be suspended or reinstated by the Craig City Council at any time as authorized by the passage of a Resolution.
2. The “Water and Sewer Base Rate Discount Program” may be limited to a determined number of approved applicants by the City Council each year for purposes of meeting current or future budgetary goals.

READ, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

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Chris Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katie Carmody, City Clerk

Votes in favor: \_\_\_\_  
Votes opposed: \_\_\_\_  
Abstained: \_\_\_\_

FOLLOWING SECOND READING, PASSED AND BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Votes in favor: \_\_\_\_  
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