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Lake County Commissioners Vote for 30% Discount on Water and Sewer Bills for Low Income Senior Citizens

5% increase from the previous discounted rate adopted in 2021.

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, February 22, 2024— The Board of Commissioners and the Department of Utilities approved to increase the discount on water and sewer bills to all qualifying senior citizens from 25% to 30%. This decision comes as part of ongoing efforts to aid those in need.

Commissioner John T. Plecnik previously proposed a 25% discounted rate unanimously adopted on November 18, 2021. The Board of Commissioners now proposes the discounted water rate should increase from 25% to 30%, to serve the needs of senior citizens in Lake County, especially those facing the scourge of inflation and other economic challenges.

Commissioner John T. Plecnik stated, "Lake County is the smallest county in Ohio geographically, but we are proud to be number one for seniors. As Commissioner, I will always fight for our seniors and serve as their voice. It is our responsibility to respect and take care of our senior citizens, especially those who are struggling to make ends meet. By increasing the discount on water and sewer bills, we are helping to alleviate some of the financial burden seniors face every day."



Pictured: Commission President John T. Plecnik

To assist senior citizens with the financial burden of high water bills the Board of Commissioners encourages all political subdivisions and water supply companies that do business in Lake County to also offer discounted water and sewer rates to this vulnerable population. By offering discounted or reduced rates for senior citizens, communities can help ensure that older residents are able to maintain their quality of life without worrying about excessive water costs.

Any person who has previously qualified and is already receiving the 25% discount will automatically begin receiving the 30% discount.

Commissioner John R. Hamercheck added, "Many of our senior citizens have lived in this community for decades and have contributed in countless ways. It is only fair that we provide them with the support they need to live comfortably in their golden years."

Commissioner Richard J. Regovich emphasized, "Water and sewer bills can be a significant expense for low-income individuals, and for seniors on fixed incomes, the burden can be even greater. This increase in the discount will make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most."

To enroll, please visit <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/>, click Public Announcements, print the Senior Citizen Discount Application, and mail it in. Residents can also contact the Billing & Customer Service Office at (440) 350-2070 to have a form mailed.

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