

RESOLUTION NO. G-1255

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SENIOR CITIZEN LOW INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission to provide a rebate for those who qualify to help lessen the financial burdens to those senior citizen in need due to circumstance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, KANSAS, that a Senior Citizen Low Income Utility Assistance Program (the "Program") is hereby reestablished which shall operate in the following manner, to wit:

1. **Eligibility.** Persons eligible to participate in the Program are those who are of 65 years of age or older, have a demonstrated economic need and/or are of 65 years of age.
2. **Funding.** The Program is solely funded by the governing body. Once the funds in the Program have been exhausted, no further applications will be approved, and the Program will end. It is at the discretion of the Governing Body to continue to fund the Program after or prior to the exhaustion of the original funds. The Governing Body may amend or discontinue the Program at any time regardless of any available funding. The City Commission hereby appropriates the following funding in furtherance of the Program:
 - (a) \$20,000.00 designated for residents who are of 65 years old and older with demonstrated financial need; and
3. **Application and Deadline.** The Office of Revitalization and Preservation is hereby authorized to create and distribute an application for the Program that is consistent with the terms of this Resolution (the "Senior Citizen Low Income Utility Application.") In order to participate in the Program, the resident must submit a complete Senior Citizen Low Income Utility Application Program Application to the Office of Revitalization and Preservation and or Utility Billing once per calendar year. The application must be completed and filed prior to the year end of the credit being requested. A completed application will include verification of low income qualifications as noted in Program Requirements.
4. **Program Benefits.** Program benefits for eligible residents are as follows:
 - (a) Each resident that is approved for the program under the requirements of age and economic hardship will received a non-refundable credit to their utility account in the amount of \$100.00 per calendar year.

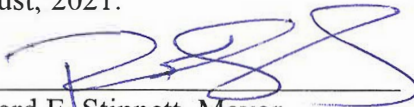
5. Program Requirements. In order to receive the designated program benefits, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- (a) The applicant must be a resident of Newton and be the primary utility account holder.
- (b) The applicant must be of 65 year of age or older.
- (c) The applicant must be of economic need, this is pre-qualified if the applicant is already a recipient of the following: Medicaid, Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or if they are the primary guardian of a school-age child who receives free or reduced priced lunches.
- (d) Economic need may also be determined through proof of income.

6. Administrative Authority. The City Manager is hereby authorized with the discretion to amend this program and effectuate any actions to fulfill the general intent of this Resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the City Commission of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of August, 2021.


Richard E. Stinnett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Denise R. Duerksen, City Clerk