

ORDINANCE NO. 603

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 13 OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF
ORDINANCES, RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop is responsible for providing for the health, safety and welfare of its residents and their water supply; and

WHEREAS, under Cal. Const. art. XI, §7, cities may make and enforce within their limits all local, police, sanitary and other ordinances not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, certain water and sewer provisions of Title 13 of the City of Bishop Code of Ordinances need updating to provide for orderly, efficient, and cost-effective administration of government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop, California, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§21000 and following) and State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR §§15000 and following) has determined that this ordinance is not a project under CEQA pursuant to Title 14, Section 15378 (b)(5) of the California Code of Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and incorporated into this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The indicated sections of Title 13 of the City of Bishop Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 13.04. of the City of Bishop Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.091. - Low-income rate reductions.

A. Any qualifying applicant who uses water services at the applicant's personal residence may apply for a reduction in the monthly water service charge respecting use at that residence only. Applications for reduced rates shall be on forms supplied by the city. All information required to be given on such forms shall be supplied by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

B. Reduced rates shall be granted to qualifying applicants who receive a bill for service directly from the city and file their applications with the finance director.

C. For the purposes of this section, a “qualifying applicant” means a utility customer who meets the eligibility requirements for the city’s utility assistance program as established by resolution of the city council.

D. The finance director may adopt such rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith, which the director deems necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this section.

Chapter 13.08. of the City of Bishop Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.08.061. - Low-income rate reductions.

A. Any qualifying applicant who receives sewer services at the applicant’s personal residence may apply for a reduction in the monthly unit sewer service charge respecting use at the residence only. Applications for reduced rates shall be on forms supplied by the city. All information required to be given on such forms shall be supplied by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

B. Reduced rates shall be granted to qualifying applicants who receive a bill for service directly from the city and file their application with the finance director.

C. For the purposes of this section, a “qualifying applicant” means a utility customer who meets the eligibility requirements for the city’s utility assistance program as established by resolution of the city council.

D. The finance director may adopt such rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith, which the director deems necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION. The project has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the City’s environmental procedures, and has been found to be not a project under Section 15378 (b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 4. INCONSISTENCIES. Any provision of the Bishop Code of Ordinances or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and/or further, is hereby repealed or modified to the extent necessary to affect the provisions of this ordinance.


SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision or clause of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or clauses or applications of this ordinance which can be implemented

without the invalid provision, clause or application; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect July 1, 2026, and a summary hereof shall be published once within fifteen (15) days in The Inyo Register, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Inyo and circulated in the City of Bishop and hereby designated for that purpose by the City Council.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the manner and form provided by law in The Inyo Register, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Bishop, State of California, which said newspaper is hereby designated for that purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2026.



Stephen Muchovej, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Robin Picken, City Clerk



STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF INYO }

I, Robin Picken, City Clerk of the City of Bishop, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City of Bishop is five (5); that the foregoing Ordinance No. 603 was duly passed and adopted by said City Council; approved and signed by the Mayor of said City; and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of said City Council, held on the 13th day of April, 2026, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Kong, Garcia, Schwartz, Muchovej

NOES: None

ABSENT: Freundt

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the City of Bishop this 14th day of April, 2026.



Robin Picken, City Clerk
CITY OF BISHOP

