



## **City of Griffin Utility Incentive Program**

**Purpose:** To recruit new businesses to Griffin by offering discounted utility rates from Griffin Power, Water/Wastewater, and Solid Waste, and by waiving initial plan review fees from Planning & Development Services.

**Eligibility:** The Utility Incentive Program applies only for a “New Local Business Entity” that locates within the city limits after the effective date of this program. A “New Local Business Entity” is defined as: (1) any legal partnerships, persons, corporations or other entities engaged in an occupation, profession or business as defined in Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-31 of The Code of Griffin, Georgia; (2) and that requires electricity service of a connected load less than 900kW and water service consuming less than 100,000 gallons per month; (3) and that leads to the creation of at least one new full-time job. **A change of ownership of an existing business registered with the City of Griffin will not qualify.** The City reserves the right to end this program at any time.

**Process:** Upon completing all required business registrations including the payment of Occupational Tax fees and the certification of jobs to be created, New Local Business Entity applicants will receive a statement from the Tax & Licensing Division identifying them as eligible for the Utility Incentive Program. The registered New Local Business Entity will bring that statement to Customer Service when requesting new utility service, where the rate incentives are applied. A New Local Business Entity that receives the reduced rate must re-apply each year after renewing their Occupational Tax Certificate and certifying the retention or creation of new jobs.

**On Time Utility Payments Required:** In return for receiving these special incentive utility rates, the business owner agrees to make on time utility payments. Only one (1) late payment will be allowed during any twelve (12) month period. If the account becomes delinquent a second time during the twelve month period, the special incentive discount shall become null and void, and the utility rates will revert to the full rates then in effect for the applicable services. Any account that is turned off for non-payment shall immediately have the incentive discount discontinued and revert to the full rates.

### **Rate Reduction Incentive Schedule\*:**

<b>Griffin Power</b>	<b>Water &amp; Wastewater</b>
30% rate reduction – Year 1 20% rate reduction – Year 2 10% rate reduction – Year 3	30% rate reduction – Year 1 20% rate reduction – Year 2 10% rate reduction – Year 3
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>
30% rate reduction – Year 1 20% rate reduction – Year 2 10% rate reduction – Year 3	Initial commercial construction/renovation plan review fees are waived.

*\*Rate reductions and incentives may not be combined with Green Business Program.*