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Application for Residential Utility Service

Date _____

Applicant Name _____

Maiden Name
(If Applicable) _____

Service Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email Address _____

Current Employer _____

Date of Birth _____

Social Security# _____

Driver's Lic # _____

State of Issue _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Local Phone _____

Nearest living relative who will not reside at the service address:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Are you new to the City of Blackshear? _____ yes _____ no

If no, have you ever applied for utility services in the past? _____ yes _____ no

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I certify that the above information is true and correct. The City of Blackshear is free to investigate and verify any and all information provided on this application and to obtain a credit report in connection with this Application for Residential Utility Service. I also acknowledge that misinformation contained on this application, late payment and/or nonpayment of any portion of a utility bill subjects the service to being discontinued without any notice. Failure to receive a bill does not alter the responsibility to pay the amount due and/or does not void penalties for late payment or cut-off.

(Must be signed in the presence of a Public Notary)

Signature _____ Date _____
Customer

Subscribed and Sworn Before Me on this the
_____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public: _____ **My Commission Expires:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY LANDLORD ONLY

The undersigned has entered into a valid rental agreement with the applicant requiring the applicant to pay for utility services. If this form is not returned to the City of Blackshear, I am aware the billing will continue under the current customer's name.

Tenant's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____
Landlord

Printed Name _____

Contact Number _____

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CONSUMER RESPONSIBILITY-Water-Sewer-Garbage

Payment-The applicant agrees to pay monthly for the utility services rendered by the City of Blackshear. Services generally include water, sewer, garbage, and yard debris. Charges for service will be made at the regular established rates for the class of service applicable to the applicant. It is the consumer's responsibility to review the monthly bills for accuracy and notify the City of any concerns. **Failure to receive the bill does not void any late fees or penalties.**

Delinquency-Payment for services is due immediately upon billing and shall become delinquent if not paid by the due date reflected on such billing. A penalty of 25% of the unpaid balance will be added to delinquent accounts. The applicant agrees to pay reasonable expenses of collection including attorney's fees and court costs should it become necessary to use such measures to collect the charges made to the applicant's account. The City shall discontinue service on delinquent accounts not paid after said date. In order to restore service the customer must bring current all delinquent charges. In addition, the City will charge a reconnect fee. ~~Seeing fit to do so, the City shall also terminate accounts being at least two months past due and pull the deposit toward the delinquent bill.~~ Reinstatement of accounts will only occur with said delinquent bill(s) being fully paid, a re-admitted application(s), and a new deposit of \$100.00 paid for each account.

Security Deposit-The applicant is required to pay a deposit for service of the property served. It is agreed by the applicant that the deposit is not considered as the prepayment of any bill. Unpaid accounts will be considered delinquent notwithstanding the existence of a security deposit. The City may apply the amount of the security deposit to the final bill of the customer, and any balance remaining will be refunded or charged to the customer.

Reasonable Access-The applicant shall permit the City's authorized representatives to enter on the customer's premises at all reasonable times for purposes connected with rendering, billing, or disconnecting utility services. Services may be terminated if reasonable access is not permitted.

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CONSUMER RESPONSIBILITY-Water-Sewer-Garbage CONT.

Termination of Service-The applicant agrees to be responsible for the payment of utility charges incurred at these premises until their responsibility is terminated in one of the following ways:

1. By mutual agreement evidenced in writing and signed by the City and the applicant.
2. By a two day written notice to have services disconnected and the City physically terminating the service.
3. By the proper assumption of the payment responsibility by a party acceptable to the City and upon completion of an application for service by the other party.

Applicant's Signature

Date

City of Blackshear Representative

Date

"The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor compliance with Federal Laws prohibiting discrimination against applicants seeking to participate in the program. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your application or to discriminate against you in any way. However, if you choose not to furnish it, we are required to note the race/national origin and gender of individual applicants on the basis of visual observation or surname."

White, not of Hispanic origin

Hispanic

Male

Black, not of Hispanic origin

Asian

Female

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Native Hawaiian

"This is an Equal Opportunity Program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal law. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD)."

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Utility Billing General Information

Applicants are required to complete and return this form in person (applicant for service must bring in form). You will also need to provide your Social Security Card and Driver's License or some acceptable picture ID. **NO SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN WITHOUT THE PROPER IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.**

The minimum deposit required for a renter/owner is \$75.00. If you have a delinquent bill with the City of Blackshear, your deposit will be \$100.00. You will also be required to pay the delinquent amount. **All amounts are payable at the time of the application.**

Payments are due in full by the 10th of each month and on the 11th of the month all past due bills will be assessed a 25% late fee. Non-payment of account by the 23rd of every month will result in the water service being cut off from the user's property. There will be a reconnection fee of \$30.00 and if the consumer turns on services there will be a \$100.00 tampering fee added to the bill. Water will only be reconnected the following business day of disconnection. A second tampering will result in a \$500.00 fee added to the bill. Also, if the meter has to be removed due to tampering a \$125.00 fee charged to the consumer. Services disconnected for nonpayment will continue to be billed the minimum amounts even if there is no water used by the consumer.

Failure to receive the bill does NOT void any late fees or penalties.

The City of Blackshear accepts payment(s) by cash, check(s), credit/debit card, and/or money order(s). The City of Blackshear will not accept \$100.00 bills as a form of payment. A \$40.00 fee will be charged on any returned check or bank draft and services will be disconnected until the check or bank draft and fee are paid in full.

Water bills payments can be made at:

City Hall
318 E. Taylor Street
Blackshear, GA 31516

or

Water bills can be mailed to:

City of Blackshear
P.O. Box 268
Blackshear, GA 31516

For your convenience, an after-hours payment drop-box is located in front of City Hall in the parking lot by the oak tree. Bills may also be paid on line at www.blackshearga.com.

If you have any questions regarding this information, call City Hall at (912) 449-7000.

Office hours are from 9:00-5:00.

Effective December 2016/January 2017 Billing Cycle

Residential Water Rates

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Minimum Bill	0 to 2,000 gallons per month	\$11.06	\$13.56
Quantity Rate	over 2,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons	\$2.69	\$2.69
Quantity Rate	over 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons	\$2.73	\$2.73
Quantity Rate	over 10,000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons	\$2.76	\$2.76
Quantity Rate	over 15,000 gallons	\$2.79	\$2.79

Residential Sewer Rates

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Minimum Bill	0 to 2,000 gallons per month	\$16.58	\$19.08
Quantity Rate	over 2,000 gallons	\$3.97	\$3.97

Commercial Water Rates

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Minimum Bill	0 to 2,000 gallons per month	\$13.51	\$16.00
Quantity Rate	over 2,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons	\$3.20	\$3.20
Quantity Rate	over 5,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons	\$3.23	\$3.23
Quantity Rate	over 10,000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons	\$3.26	\$3.26
Quantity Rate	over 15,000 gallons	\$3.29	\$3.29

Commercial Sewer Rates

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Minimum Bill	0 to 2,000 gallons per month	\$20.25	\$22.75
Quantity Rate	over 2,000 gallons	\$4.75	\$4.75

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Unrepaired Leaks Can Be Costly

Water Loss in Gallons		
Leak This Size	Loss per Day	Loss per Month
•	120	3600
•	360	10,800
•	693	20,790
•	1,200	36,000
•	1,920	57,600
•	3,096	92,880
•	4,296	128,980
•	6,640	199,200
•	6,984	200,520
•	8,424	252,720
•	9,888	296,640
•	11,324	339,720
•	12,720	381,600
•	14,952	448,560

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Garbage Collection Service For The City of Blackshear

The City of Blackshear has contracted with Southland Waste Systems to provide residential garbage collection service for each resident of the City of Blackshear.

* Each City resident will receive a 95 gallon roll out cart to be used for their household garbage. Southland will only service the garbage that is put in these containers. Do not use any other type of waste container. County residents must contact Southland Waste Systems for a cart.

* All waste should be bagged tightly to prevent scattered litter. The cart remains the property of Southland Waste but it is the responsibility of the resident for the safe keeping of the cart.

* Carts should be placed at curbside only on the day of collection. Do not leave carts out all week. A good practice is to place the cart out the night before your day of service. Southland routes start at 6:00 A.M. Your collection day with your cart will be once per week on FRIDAY. In the event the Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years Day falls on a weekday, your collection day will be moved to SATURDAY.

* Do not put hot ashes or chemicals in the carts. They are made of plastic and will melt.

* You will not be billed by Southland for this service. The City of Blackshear will bill you on your water bill for this service.

* Southland will also pick-up discarded appliances and furniture on Saturdays. Please contact Southland at 284-1000 to schedule the pickup. Neither Southland nor the City will pickup construction material, carpet, tires, batteries, or old motor oil. These items must be disposed of at the consumer's expense.

* Make sure the small chrome bar is facing the street, the handle and wheels are toward the house and the cart is within 2 feet of the curbside.

* If one cart is not enough to contain your waste you may call Blackshear City Hall for an additional cart at an additional charge of \$10.62 per month for each can. Please make certain you try using only one cart before you call for additional service. **It will hold more than you think.**

* The City will pickup yard debris at a rate of \$8.50 per month. This will be on your water bill. This is a *set rate* and comes with your service whether the service is used or not. Yard debris consist of leaves and limbs from normal yard cleaning. It must not contain household trash and the limbs should not be any larger than 4 inches around or 4 foot long. The City will also **not** pickup yard debris placed in bags.

If you have any questions regarding these services please call the City of Blackshear at (912) 449-7000.