

# Town of Georgetown, IN

Ordinance # G-06- 06

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §30.32 OF  
THE GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK-TREASURER  
TO MAKE NAME CHANGES ON  
PUBLIC UTILITIES CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS  
IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE  
IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE  
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN,  
INDIANA THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Georgetown has reviewed §30.32 of the Code of Ordinances, as well as §52.18, concerning water customer accounts, and §53.135, concerning sewer customer accounts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Georgetown has decided that the current policy requiring a dead spouse's name to remain on the bill in order to avoid refunding and paying a current utility deposit is not in the best interest of our citizens and their emotional well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are several current public utilities accounts on which the names of deceased spouses are currently shown, to the distress of the surviving spouse.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 30.32 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read:

**§ 30.32 AUTHORITY TO ADJUST UTILITY BILLS.**

(A) The Clerk-Treasurer of the town is hereby authorized to adjust utility billing discrepancies, including but not limited to situations where a meter has been turned off but no record was made that the meter was turned off, and the customer continued to receive billings on that meter.

(B) The Clerk-Treasurer shall obtain the concurrence of the Town Manager prior to adjusting any utility billings.

(C) Any utility billing discrepancies upon which the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager do not agree as to whether an adjustment should be made, or the amount of the adjustment that should be made, shall be examined and resolved by the Town Council.

Adding paragraph D.

(D) The Town Clerk-Treasurer is hereby granted the authority to remove the name of any deceased person from a utility bill which is in the name of either the deceased and the spouse, or only the deceased while the spouse is continuing to live in

the house and continuing to keep the utility account current. When the Clerk-Treasurer makes the decision to remove the name of a deceased spouse from the Town's utility accounts, the existing deposit on the account shall remain as current and valid; no refund followed by a new deposit from the surviving spouse is required.

**SECTION 2.** The remainder of Section 30 of the Code of Ordinances is confirmed and reiterated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and any Ordinance not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, this 19  
day of Jan, 2006.

Gary L Smith  
Gary Smith, President

Jeff McCaffrey  
Jeff McCaffrey, Vice President

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Jay Davis, Member

Dean Hammersmith  
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ATTEST:

Douglas Cook  
Doug Cook, Georgetown Clerk/Treasurer