# Three Steps To Receive Noblesville Utilities & Trash Fee Discounts

\*Deductions are not guaranteed and dependent on eligibility and approval

# STEP 1 – VISIT THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Noblesville residents may be eligible for discounts on their property taxes, and city utility bills. Before a deduction takes place at the city level, a property tax deduction claim has to be filed and approved by the Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

The first step is to visit the exemption department of the Hamilton County Auditor's Office located in the southwest corner of the first floor of the Historic Courthouse, 33 N. Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff will not accept documents for recording after 4 p.m. For more information, call (317) 776-9624 or visit www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/443/Auditors-Office.

Unless you have an approved deduction from the auditor's office you are not eligible for sewer or trash fee discounts.

#### STEP 2 – FILE FOR A HAMILTON COUNTY PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION

Filing tax deductions could result in significant savings even if you do not have a mortgage on your home. Once a deduction has been filed with the county auditor's office, you do not need to refile unless there is a new mortgage, a deed change on the home, or the property has been put into a trust.

A brief description of the potential property tax deductions and credits available in Hamilton County include:

# **Blind & Disabled Persons Exemption**

\$12,480 is deducted from the assessed value of the property. Applicants must bring proof of blindness or disability when filing. The individual's income cannot exceed \$17,000 and proof of income is required. The social security award certificate or a doctor's statement is required when filing.

#### **OVER AGE 65**

\$14,000 is deducted from the assessed value of the property. Property owners must reside on the property. Adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$30,000 when filing single, and combined household income cannot exceed \$40,000. Applicants should bring their income tax return when filing. The assessed value of the property cannot exceed \$200,000. Anyone who makes a change to their deed/trust must re-file.

#### **Disabled Veterans Deduction**

Applicants must furnish the auditor with their DD214 and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) letter of compensation. If applicants do not have both the DD214 and the USDVA letter of compensation, they will be required to acquire State Form 51186 from the Veteran's Administration (VA) Office. The deduction applies only to disabled veterans. Within certain guidelines, these veterans are eligible for a deduction ranging from \$14,000 to \$38,960. To obtain State Form 51186, contact the VA office by calling (317) 232-3910.

#### **OVER 65 CIRCUIT BREAKER**

The assessed value of the home cannot exceed \$200,000. Adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$30,000 when filing single, and cannot exceed \$40,000 when filing jointly. When applying, please bring your income tax return.

An online copy of the Deduction Inquiry Form is available at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/Document Center/Home/View/870.

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# STEP 3 – PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS TO NOBLESVILLE UTILITIES

Eligibility for property tax deductions and credits are determined at the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. Noblesville Utilities, 197 W. Washington Street, is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call (317) 776-6353 or visit www.cityofnoblesville.org/utilities.

### NOBLESVILLE UTILITY BILLING BACKGROUND

Each single family residence and residential duplex with separate water meters is billed a flat rate of \$46.13 per month. Other customers have charges based on water meter size and average water consumption during November through May. By ordinance, the rates and charges for all residential rental properties are charged to the owner of the real estate as shown by the land records maintained by the Hamilton County Auditor.

Noblesville Utility bills are mailed the last working day of the month and are due the 15th of the following month. A ten percent (10%) late charge will be added to current charges if not paid by the due date. Failure to receive a bill does not waive penalties or charges against a customer's account. A \$15 returned check fee will be charged for all NSF payments. A 24-hour drop box is available at the utility billing office for payments via check or money order.

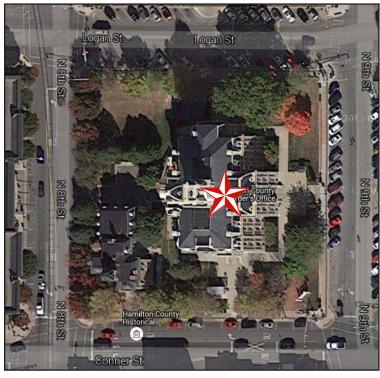
#### NOBLESVILLE UTILTIES DISCOUNT

A \$12 credit per month on the sewer fee is available to owner/occupants. To be eligible for the reduced sewer rate customers must have one of the following exemptions on their property taxes (filed with the Hamilton County Auditor's Office): over 65 age deduction, blind and disabled deduction, or disabled veteran or surviving spouse deduction.

#### TRASH FEE DISCOUNT

Noblesville Utilities customers who receive a \$12 credit per month on their monthly sewer bill also receive a 50 percent discount on their trash fee. There are no additional forms to fill out or file. Residents may be added to the credit and 50 percent deduction once their claims have been approved by the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. To be added, residents need to bring a copy of the approved claim to Noblesville Utilities, 197 Washington Street. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# \*Where to Visit\*



Hamilton County Auditor's Office, 33 N. 9th Street First Floor of Hamilton County Historic Courthouse



Noblesville Utilities, 197 W. Washington Street