

Ordinance No. 119269

Council Bill No. 112427

The City of Seattle
Council Bill/Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Housing and Human Services; clarifying the qualifications for utility rate assistance; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith.

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6 Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith.
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8 WHEREAS, the City supports the provision of utility rate assistance to low income
9 customers; and
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11 WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure that the qualifications for water, wastewater, drainage
12 and solid waste rate assistance are consistent; **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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14 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**
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16 Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code 21.76.030, Ordinance 104472, as last amended by
17 Ordinance 118396, is amended as follows:
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19 **21.76.030 Qualification.**

20 ~~((A. To implement the program provided for in Section 21.76.010, credits to partially offset~~
21 ~~the billings for solid waste shall be issued to each household upon satisfactory proof that a~~
22 ~~member of the household:~~

23 ~~1. a. Is sixty five (65) years of age or older, and has a maximum annual income, if single,~~
24 ~~of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for a one~~
25 ~~(1) person household, as computed annually by the state or the City, or whose annual~~
26 ~~income, if married, together with that of his or her spouse, does not exceed seventy percent~~
27 ~~(70%) of the Washington State median income for a two (2) person household as computed~~
28 ~~annually by the state or the City, or~~

29 ~~— b. Receives Supplemental Security Income pursuant to 42 USC Sections 1381 through~~
30 ~~1383, or~~

31 ~~— c. Is disabled and receives funds from a disability program as a result of a disability that~~
32 ~~prevents him or her from working consistent with the requirements of 42 USC Section 401~~
33 ~~et seq. and whose annual household income, together with all household members, does not~~
34 ~~exceed seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for the number of~~
35 ~~individuals in the household as computed annually by the state or the City, or~~

1 ~~d. Requires medical life support equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means~~
2 ~~to sustain, restore or supplant a vital function, and which generates a disproportionate~~
3 ~~amount of solid waste; provided, that rate assistance issued on the basis of this qualification~~
4 ~~shall be limited to solid waste service where a significant proportion of the solid waste is~~
5 ~~from medical purposes; and~~

6 ~~2. Resides in a dwelling unit served directly by the City's solid waste services and is billed~~
7 ~~by City Light or Seattle Public Utilities; or, if not so billed, has resided for a period of not~~
8 ~~less than ninety (90) consecutive days in a rental unit in which the amount of the solid waste~~
9 ~~rate increase affects the amount of the rent charged.))~~

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11 ~~A.((B-)) To implement the program provided for in Section 21.76.010, ((“low income”))~~
12 ~~water, wastewater, drainage, and ((street services)) solid waste credits((“)) shall be issued to~~
13 ~~each ((person)) household that is directly served by the City’s water, drainage, wastewater or~~
14 ~~solid waste services ((who shows)) upon satisfactory proof that ((he or she)) a member of the~~
15 ~~household ((resides in a dwelling unit that is directly served by the City's water, drainage~~
16 ~~and wastewater or street utility services and)) is billed by City Light((;)) or Seattle Public~~
17 ~~Utilities ((or Seattle Transportation)); or, if not so billed, has resided for a period of not less~~
18 ~~than ninety (90) consecutive days in a rental unit in which the amount of ((the)) a Seattle~~
19 ~~Public Utilities ((or Seattle Transportation)) rate increase affects the amount of rent charged~~
20 ~~and:~~

21 1. Receives Supplemental Security Income pursuant to 42 USC Sections 1381
22 through 1383; or

23 2. ((Resides in a household whose)) Has annual income that when combined
24 ~~((together))~~ with the annual income of all household members does not exceed one hundred
25 twenty-five (125) percent of the poverty level for the number of individuals in the household
26 as computed annually by the U.S. Government or the City; or

27 3. ((Resides in a household whose)) Has annual income that when combined
28 ~~((together))~~ with the annual income of all household members does not exceed seventy (70)
29 percent of the Washington State median income for the number of individuals in the
30 household as computed annually by the state or the City and((is)):

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a. Is ((B))blind, or
b. Is ((S))sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or
c. Is ((D))disabled and receives funds from a disability program as a result of a disability that prevents them from working consistent with the requirements of 42 USC Section 401 et seq., or

d. Requires medical life-support equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function; or

4. Notwithstanding household income, requires medical life-support equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore or supplant a vital function, and which uses a disproportionate amount of water or generates a disproportionate amount of solid waste, provided that rate assistance issued on the basis of this qualification shall be limited to water and wastewater service where a significant proportion of the water use is for medical purposes or limited to solid waste service where a significant proportion of the solid waste is generated from medical purposes.

B.((C)) Applicants shall verify such information, and shall provide such other data as is

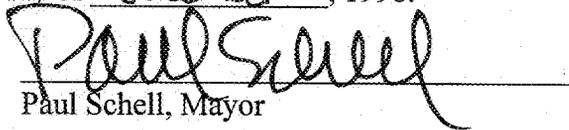
1 deemed appropriate upon forms and in the manner determined by the Human Services
2 Department (~~of Housing and Human Services~~)).
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4 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its
5 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days
6 after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

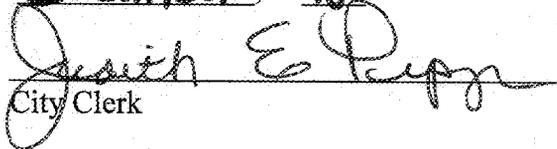
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8 Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of November, 1998, and signed by
9 me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of November,
10 1998.

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13 President of the City Council

14 Approved by me this 2nd day of December, 1998.

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17 Paul Schell, Mayor

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19 Filed by me this 2nd day of December, 1998.

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22 City Clerk
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City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

Seattle Public Utilities

Diana Gale, Director

September 9, 1998

Sue Donaldson, President
Seattle City Council
City of Seattle

Via: Paul Schell, Mayor

Attention: Anne Fiske Zuniga
Budget Director, Executive Services Department

Subject: Proposed ordinance relating to rate assistance qualifications

Honorable Members:

Attached for your action is a proposed ordinance that clarifies the qualification for utility rate assistance and amends SMC Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith.

Background

The qualifications for solid waste, water, drainage and wastewater rate assistance are laid out in the Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030. Currently, the solid waste qualifications are described separately and, in some cases, differently from the qualifications for the other utilities. As the qualifications were intended to be consistent, we are proposing this ordinance to make the necessary corrections and clarifications.

Impact of the Proposed Ordinance

This ordinance will not have any impact on customers or revenues as it will not affect how rate assistance is currently provided.

I believe this ordinance supports the City's intent to provide rate assistance to qualified customers and I recommend the Council take favorable action on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Diana Gale, Director
Seattle Public Utilities

Attachments

Legislation Fiscal Note

Each piece of legislation that is financial in nature will be accompanied by a fiscal note. The fiscal note should be drafted by department staff and will identify operating, capital, revenue, and FTE impacts of the legislation.

Department: Seattle Public Utilities	Contact Person/Phone: Julia Veghte/ 4-7779	CBO Analyst/Phone: Jeff Davis/ 4-8071
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Legislation Title: _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Housing and Human Services; clarifying the qualifications for utility rate assistance; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith.

Summary of the Legislation: _____

This ordinance clarifies and makes consistent the low income rate assistance qualifications for water, solid waste, drainage and wastewater.

Background (Include justification for the legislation and funding history, if applicable): _____

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Sustainability Issues (related to grant awards): _____

Estimated Expenditure Impacts:

FUND	1998	1999	2000

TOTAL			
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One-time \$ _____

On-going \$ _____

Estimated Revenue Impacts:

FUND	1998	1999	2000
TOTAL			

One-time \$ _____

On-going \$ _____

Estimated FTE Impacts:

FUND	1998	1999	2000
TOTAL			

Full Time _____

Part Time _____

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Do positions sunset in the future? If so, when?

Other Issues (including long-term implications of the legislation):

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AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Housing and Human Services; clarifying the qualifications for utility rate assistance; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City supports providing assistance low income customers; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure the qualifications for water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste rate assistance are consistent; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code 21.76.030, Ordinance 104472, as last amended by Ordinance 118396, is amended as follows:

21.76.030 Qualification.

~~((A. To implement the program provided for in Section 21.76.010, credits to partially offset the billings for solid waste shall be issued to each household upon satisfactory proof that a member of the household:~~

~~1. a. Is sixty five (65) years of age or older, and has a maximum annual income, if single, of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for a one (1) person household, as computed annually by the state or the City, or whose annual income, if married, together with that of his or her spouse, does not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for a two (2) person household as computed annually by the state or the City, or~~

~~— b. Receives Supplemental Security Income pursuant to 42 USC Sections 1381 through 1383, or~~

~~— c. Is disabled and receives funds from a disability program as a result of a disability that prevents him or her from working consistent with the requirements of 42 USC Section 401 et seq. and whose annual household income, together with all household members, does not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the state or the City, or~~

1 ~~—d. Requires medical life support equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to~~
2 ~~sustain, restore or supplant a vital function, and which generates a disproportionate amount~~
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4 ~~limited to solid waste service where a significant proportion of the solid waste is from~~
5 ~~medical purposes; and~~

6 ~~2. Resides in a dwelling unit served directly by the City's solid waste services and is billed by~~
7 ~~City Light or Seattle Public Utilities; or, if not so billed, has resided for a period of not less~~
8 ~~than ninety (90) consecutive days in a rental unit in which the amount of the solid waste rate~~
9 ~~increase affects the amount of the rent charged.~~

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14 solid waste services ((who shows)) upon satisfactory proof that ((he or she)) a member of the
15 household ((resides in a dwelling unit that is directly served by the City's water, drainage and
16 wastewater or street utility services and)) is billed by City Light((;)) or Seattle Public Utilities
17 ((or Seattle Transportation)); or, if not so billed, has resided for a period of not less than
18 ninety (90) consecutive days in a rental unit in which the amount of ((the)) a Seattle Public
19 Utilities ((or Seattle Transportation)) rate increase affects the amount of rent charged and:

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23 ((together)) with the annual income of all household members does not exceed one hundred
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1 c. ~~Is ((D))~~disabled and receives funds from a disability program as a result of a
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6 4. Notwithstanding household income, requires medical life-support equipment which
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10 waste service where a significant proportion of the water use or solid waste is for medical
11 purposes.

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13 ~~B.((C-))~~ Applicants shall verify such information, and shall provide such other data as is

1 deemed appropriate upon forms and in the manner determined by the Department of Housing
2 and Human Services.

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12 President of the City Council

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14 Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 1998.

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17 Paul Schell, Mayor

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19 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

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22 City Clerk

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City of Seattle, City Clerk

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Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

12/22/98

The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ _____, which amount has been paid in full.

R. Patterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/22/98

McClintock

Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

City of Seattle

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21.76.030 QUALIFICATION

(A. To implement the program provided for in Section 21.76.010, credits

to partially offset the billings for solid waste shall be issued to each household upon satisfactory proof that a member of the household:

1. a. Is sixty five (65) years of age or older, and has a maximum annual income, if single, of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for a one (1) person household, as computed annually by the state or the City, or whose annual income, if married, together with that of his or her spouse, does not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for a two (2) person household as computed annually by the state or the City, or

b. Receives Supplemental Security Income pursuant to 42 USC Sections 1381 through 1383, or

c. Is disabled and receives funds from a disability program as a result of a disability that prevents him or her from working consistent with the requirements of 42 USC Section 401 et seq. and whose annual household income, together with all household members, does not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the state or the City, or

d. Requires medical life support equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore or supplant a vital function, and which generates a disproportionate amount of solid waste; provided, that rate assistance issued on the basis of this qualification shall be limited to solid waste service where a significant proportion of the solid waste is from medical purposes; and

2. Resides in a dwelling unit served directly by the City's solid waste services and is billed by City Light or Seattle Public Utilities; or, if not so billed, has resided for a period of not less than ninety (90) consecutive days in a rental unit in which the amount of the solid waste rate increase affects the amount of the rent charged.)

A (B.) To implement the program provided for in Section 21.76.010, ("low income) water, wastewater, drainage, and (street services) solid waste credits") shall be issued to each (person) household that is directly served by the City's water, drainage, wastewater or solid waste services (who shows) upon satisfactory proof that (he or she) a member of the household (resides in a dwelling unit that is directly served by the City's water, drainage and wastewater or street utility services and) is billed by City Light (,) or Seattle Public Utilities (or Seattle Transportation); or, if not so billed, has resided for a period of not less than ninety (90) consecutive days in a rental unit in which the amount of ((the) a Seattle Public Utilities (or Seattle Transportation) rate increase affects the amount of rent charged and:

1. Receives Supplemental Security In-