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Relating to Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light, and the Human Services Department; authorizing new rate assistance programs for low-income households that are not directly billed for any City utility services; and amending the Seattle Municipal Code in connection therewith.

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light and the Human Services
3 Department; authorizing new rate assistance programs for low-income households that are not
4 directly billed for any City utility services; and amending the Seattle Municipal Code in
connection therewith.

5 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle supports affordable housing efforts and providing assistance to low-
6 income residents; and

7 WHEREAS, SMC Chapter 20.76 authorizes a program of credits to partially offset billings for water,
8 wastewater, drainage, and solid waste services for qualified low-income households, and sets
9 forth the basis for qualification for, and the method of delivering, such credits; and

10 WHEREAS, SMC 21.49.040 authorizes Seattle City Light to assist low-income households in paying
11 for the cost of electricity by providing a credit on electric bills, but provides no assistance to
12 otherwise eligible households that are not directly billed for electricity service; and

13 WHEREAS, with regard to low-income households that are not directly billed for any utility service, the
14 current City programs under SMC Chapter 21.49 and 21.76 are not designed to, or in practice do
15 not, adequately provide utility low-income rate assistance; and

16 WHEREAS, Ordinance 119530 established a pilot program to provide low-income rate assistance for
17 electricity services to households that reside in buildings owned and operated by not-for-profit
18 corporations and are not directly billed for any City utility service, but whose rent payments
19 reflect the costs of such utility service; and

20 WHEREAS, the pilot program resulted in rents for low income households that were three percent to
21 eight percent less than they would have been without the credit; and

22 WHEREAS, the City desires to make the pilot program an on-going method of providing utility rate
23 assistance to low-income households; Now, Therefore,

24 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 21.49.045 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code to read as follows:

21.49.045 Electricity service credit program

A. Electricity service credits shall be granted to not-for-profit corporations that own residential
buildings, request such credits and meet the following criteria:

- 1 (i) Income Eligible Households, as defined in SMC 21.76.050.C, are among the residents of the
2 building for which the credit is sought;
- 3 (ii) residents are not directly billed for electricity service but pay for electricity in their rent;
- 4 (iii) the building for which the credit is sought is located within the Seattle City Light service
5 territory;
- 6 (iv) the building owner agrees to reduce the rent payment due from each Income Eligible
7 Household residing in such building in an amount equal to the electricity service credit
8 attributable to such Eligible Household; and
- 9 (v) the building owner annually reports the actual rent reductions during the previous year and
10 certifies that it shall make the rent reductions described in (iv) during the next year.

11 B. No electricity service credit shall be issued unless the building owner agrees to report the
12 information requested when and in the form requested by the Human Services Department (HSD) and
13 otherwise to meet all requirements set forth by HSD for participation in the electricity service credit
14 program. In the event that a building owner ceases to meet the requirements set forth herein, the
15 Director of HSD shall advise City Light to cease to provide electricity service credits to such building
16 owner.

17 C. The Superintendent of Seattle City Light shall determine a credit for each Income Eligible
18 Household, which shall be 50% of the estimated average per unit charge based on the actual historical
19 electric usage for the building in question (excluding common areas) and current electric rates. The
20 electricity service credit provided to the building owner shall equal the amount so determined multiplied
21 by the number of Income Eligible Households within the building in question. The electricity service
22 credits shall not be redeemable for cash, and shall be honored by the City only when applied to the City
23 account through which the building owner pays for electricity services provided to Income Eligible
24 Households.

Section 2. Section 21.76.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SMC 21.76.050 Method of receiving credit.

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2 Qualified persons receiving drainage, wastewater, water, or solid waste ~~or street utility~~ services
3 shall receive credits in the amounts prescribed for in Section 21.76.040 or in equivalent amounts should
4 the billing period be other than monthly; provided, that no qualified person shall receive or accept utility
5 credits to more than one (1) utility bill for the same billing period. The credits shall be made as follows:

6 A. For qualified persons who receive a drainage, wastewater, water, or solid waste ~~or street~~
7 ~~utility~~ bill directly, the proper credit amount shall be made on the bill as a reduction to the amount which
8 would otherwise be payable.

9 B. For qualified persons who do not receive a drainage, wastewater, water, or solid waste ~~or~~
10 ~~street utility~~ bill directly, but who may pay such utility charges indirectly as part of their rental payment,
11 the proper credit shall be made in the manner determined by the Director of ~~the Human Services~~
12 ~~Department and the Director of Seattle Public Utilities, which may include~~ing, but is not limited to:

13 1. A reduction in the amount otherwise payable on the ~~light~~ electricity service bills of
14 those qualified persons who do not receive drainage, wastewater, water, solid waste ~~or street utility~~ bills
15 but who do receive an electricity services ~~light utility~~ bill;

16 2. The issuance of credit vouchers in the names of qualified persons, provided that the
17 credit vouchers shall not be redeemable ~~ed for~~ in cash and shall be honored by the City only when
18 applied to the account through which utility services received by the qualified person are paid;

19 3. The issuance of combined utility credits in the name of each not-for-profit corporation
20 that owns a residential building, requests such credits, and meets the following criteria:

21 (i) Income Eligible Households, as defined in SMC 21.76.050.C, are among the residents
22 of the building for which the voucher is sought;

23 (ii) residents are not directly billed for any City utility service but pay for such service in
24 their rent;

(iii) the building for which the credit is sought receives retail service from Seattle Public
Utilities;

(iv) the building owner agrees to reduce the rent payment due from each Income Eligible
Household residing in such building in an amount equal to the combined utility credits a
such Eligible Household; and

1 (v) the building owner annually reports the actual rent reductions during the previous
2 year and certifies that it shall make the rent reductions described in (iv) during the next
3 year.

4 C. Combined utility credits shall not be redeemable for cash, and shall be honored by the City
5 only when applied to the City utility account through which the building owner pays for utility services
6 provided to Income Eligible Households. No combined utility credit shall be issued unless the building
7 owner agrees to report the information requested when and in the form requested by the Human Services
8 Department (HSD) and otherwise to meet all requirements set forth by HSD for the certification of the
9 combined utility credit program. In the event that a building owner ceases to meet the requirements set
10 forth herein, the Director of HSD shall advise City Light and/or Seattle Public Utilities to cease to
11 provide combined utility credits to such building owner.

12 D. An "Income Eligible Household" means any person or related persons who: a) lease a
13 dwelling unit in a residential building in the City of Seattle that is owned by a not-for-profit corporation
14 and b) who meet the income qualifications under SMC 21.76.030.A1 - A4. The unit may have its own
15 bathroom and/or cooking facility or share bathrooms and/or cooking facilities with other units. Based
16 on the requirements contained in SMC Chapter 21.76 and those developed by the Director of HSD,
17 participating building owners will determine, on an annual basis, the eligibility of households for rent
18 reduction.

19 E. For purposes of this Section 21.76.050, "combined utility credit" means the reduction in the
20 amount otherwise payable for water, drainage and wastewater or solid waste services on behalf of
21 Income Eligible Households.

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Section 3. All acts taken pursuant to the authority of this ordinance but prior to its effective date are ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 11th day of December 2000, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 11th day of December, 2000.

Margaret Piper
President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 15th day of DECEMBER, 2000.

Dale Sill
Mayor

Filed by me this 19th day of December, 2000.

Ann Donfield
acting City Clerk

(Seal)

Margaret Carter - New Ordinance to be placed on referrals calendar

From: Saroja Reddy
To: Margaret Carter
Date: 11/29/2000 3:25 PM
Subject: New Ordinance to be placed on referrals calendar
CC: Michaelanne Ehrenberg

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This is a title for an ordinance is to be placed on Monday's referrals calendar.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light, and the Human Services Department; authorizing new rate assistance programs for low-income households that are not directly billed for any City utility services; and amending the Seattle Municipal Code in connection therewith.

This is sponsored by Hiedi Wills for referral to Full Council (for a vote on December 11) I'm working on the guts as we speak. If you have any questions, please call me. Thanks Margaret!

By: Wills
To: Full Council

STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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City of Seattle, Clerk's Office

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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.

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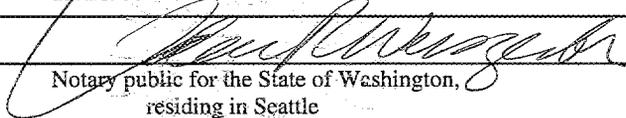
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/28/00



Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

11 and RCW 11.40.013,
 claim will be forever
 This bar is effective as
 claims against both the
 assets and nonprobate
 of the decedent.
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 tors with Clerk of the
 December 5, 2000.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
IRENE S. QUINN
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
 of the State of Washington in
 and for the County of King.
 Estate of Irene S. Quinn, De-
 ceased. No. **00-4-06505-9SEA.**
 Notice to Creditors.
 The personal representative
 named below has been ap-
 pointed and has qualified as
 personal representative of this
 estate. Persons having claims
 against the decedent must, prior
 to the time such claims would
 be barred by any otherwise ap-
 plicable statute of limitations,
 serve their claims with the
 Clerk of this Court within four
 (4) months after the date of first
 publication of this notice or
 within four (4) months after the
 date of the filing of a copy of this
 Notice with the Clerk of the
 Court, whichever is later or, ex-
 cept under those provisions in-
 cluded in RCW 11.40.011 or Sec-
 tion 4 of this act, the claim will
 be forever barred. The bar is ef-
 fective as to claims against both
 the probate assets and non-
 probate assets of the decedent.
 Date of filing copy of Notice to
 Creditors with Clerk of the
 Court: December 20, 2000.
 Date of First Publication: De-
 cember 21, 2000.

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Petitioner, 1422 Bellevue Ave-
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
LANE LUM SEID
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
 for King County, State of Wash-
 ington.

Estate of
AUDREY GWENDOLYN
COOPER
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
 for King County, Washington.
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 Audrey Gwendolyn Cooper, De-
 ceased. No. **00-4-04160-5KNT.**
 Probate Notice to Creditors.
 (RCW 11.40.030).

The personal representative
 named below has been ap-
 pointed as personal representa-
 tive of this estate. Any person
 having a claim against the de-
 cedent that arose before the de-
 cedent's death must, before the
 time the claim would be barred
 by any otherwise applicable
 statute of limitations, present
 the claim in the manner as pro-
 vided in RCW 11.40.070 by serv-
 ing on or mailing to the personal
 representative or the personal
 representative's attorney at the
 address stated below a copy of
 the claim and filing the original
 of the claim with the Court. The
 claim must be presented within
 the later of: (1) thirty days after
 the personal representative
 served or mailed the notice to
 the creditor as provided under
 RCW 11.40.020(3), or (2) four
 months after the date of first
 publication of the notice. If the
 claim is not presented within
 this time frame, the claim is
 forever barred, except as other-
 wise provided in RCW 11.40.051
 and 11.40.060. This bar is effec-
 tive as to claims against both
 the decedent's probate and non-
 probate assets.

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