

Ordinance No. 130876

Council Bill No. 114277

The City of Seattle  
Council Bill/Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City program of low-income rate assistance for water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services; revising the qualifications for such assistance; amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith; and requiring a study of ways to increase participation in the program.

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## Committee Action:

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7 therewith; and requiring a study of ways to increase participation in the program.  
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10 WHEREAS, the City provides rate assistance to qualified low-income customers with  
11 respect to water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste service from Seattle Public  
12 Utilities ("SPU") and electric service from Seattle City Light ("SCL"); and  
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14 WHEREAS, increases in utility costs create considerable financial burdens for low-income  
15 customers who do not qualify for low-income rate assistance; and  
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17 WHEREAS, after extensive review and deliberation, in 2001 the City by Ordinance 120275  
18 elected to expand the income criteria for electric service low-income rate assistance  
19 program to extend the benefits of the program to more customers; and  
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21 WHEREAS, prior to the expansion of low-income rate assistance eligibility requirements in  
22 2001 the City had not revised nor reviewed the City's eligibility requirements in  
23 more than 10 years;  
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25 WHEREAS, the income criteria for low-income rate assistance should be the same for all  
26 City utility services so as deliver services more efficiently through joint  
27 administration and marketing of utility rate assistance; **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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30 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**  
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33 Section 1. Paragraph 2 of Subsection A of Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 is  
34 amended as follows:



1 2002 on their analysis and recommendations for increasing participation rates in the program  
2 of low-income rate assistance for water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services.  
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4 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after  
5 its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10)  
6 days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.  
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9 Passed by the City Council the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002, and signed by me  
10 in open session in authentication of its passage this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

11 Peter Stemberger  
12 President of the City Council

13 Approved by me this 13 day of August, 2002.

14 Gregory J. Nickels  
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16 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

17 Filed by me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

18 Judith E. Reppin  
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20 City Clerk

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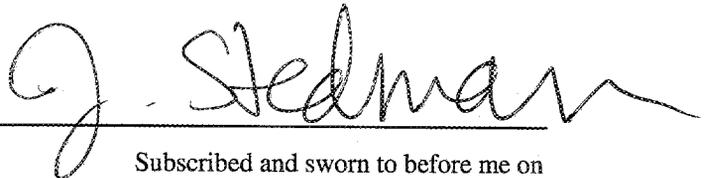
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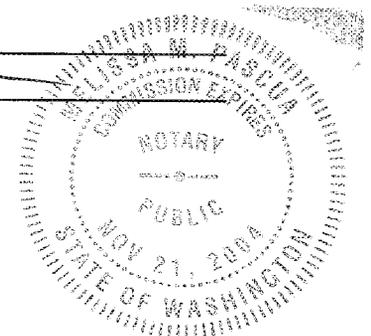
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# State of Washington, King County

## City of Seattle

### ORDINANCE 120876

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City program of low-income rate assistance for water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services; revising the qualifications for such assistance; amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 in connection therewith; and requiring a study of ways to increase participation in the program.

WHEREAS, the City provides rate assistance to qualified low-income customers with respect to water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services from Seattle Public Utilities ("SPU") and electric service from Seattle City Light ("SCL"); and

WHEREAS, increases in utility costs considerable financial burdens for low-income customers who do not qualify for low-income rate assistance; and

WHEREAS, after extensive review and deliberation, in 2001 the City by Ordinance 120276 elected to expand the income criteria for electric service low-income rate assistance program to extend the benefits of the program to more customers; and

WHEREAS, prior to the expansion of low-income rate assistance eligibility requirements in 2001 the City had not revised nor reviewed the City's eligibility requirements in more than 10 years;

WHEREAS, the income criteria for low-income rate assistance should be the same for all City utility services so as deliver services more efficiently through joint administration and marketing of utility rate assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of Subsection A of Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.030 is amended as follows:

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2. Has annual income that when combined with the annual income of all household members does not exceed ~~(~~two hundred twenty-five (\$225)~~)~~ two hundred (200) percent of the poverty level for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the U.S. Government or the City; or

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Section 2. In order to take advantage of the existing City efforts to enhance participation in utility low-income rate assistance programs and thereby recognize the efficiencies gained by setting a uniform standard across all city utilities, SPU shall work cooperatively with Seattle City Light, low-income housing providers, low-income customers, and other agencies to implement the expanded eligibility requirements.

Furthermore, SPU, in coordination with the Human Services Department ("HSD"), shall assess participation rates in the low-income rate assistance program with respect to water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services and shall develop options and make recommendations for increasing participation in the program. SPU and HSD shall report to the Water and Public Health Committee of the City Council no later than December 15, 2002 on their analysis and recommendations for increasing participation rates in the program of low-income rate assistance for water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services.

Section 3. 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.