SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118479

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; and amending Section 21.49.042 of the Seattle Municipal code to align income eligibility guidelines for the utility-funded Emergency Low-Income Assistance program with other city rate assistance programs and allow year-round program operation.

Notes:

Sponsors: Sawant

Attachments:

Drafter: Kelly.Enright@seattle.gov

	Date
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Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	08/03/2015	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk						
	Notes:						
1	City Clerk	08/03/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	08/05/2015	sent for review	Energy Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Energy Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	08/10/2015	referred	Energy Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Energy Committee						
	Notes:						

1	Energy Committee	08/12/2015	pass		Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
Notes:

In Favor: 3 Chair Sawant, Vice Chair Okamoto, Member O'Brien

Opposed: 0

1	Full Council	08/17/2015	passed		Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote and the President signed the Bill:
Notes:

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	08/18/2015	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:

1	Mayor	08/21/2015	Signed

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.
Notes:

1	Mayor	08/21/2015	returned	City Clerk

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk
Notes:

1	City Clerk	08/21/2015	attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 124836

COUNCIL BILL 118479

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; and amending Section 21.49.042 of the Seattle Municipal code to align income eligibility guidelines for the utility-funded Emergency Low-Income Assistance program with other city rate assistance programs and allow year-round program operation.

WHEREAS, in December 1985, the Emergency Low-Income Assistance program (ELIA) was established by Ordinance 112637 to provide emergency, low-income assistance to certain customers of the City Light Department; and

WHEREAS, the basic terms of the ELIA have not been adjusted or amended since their creation in 1985, and there is a need to expand the ELIA's income eligibility guidelines by increasing the income threshold to 70 percent of Washington state median income; and

WHEREAS, there is also a need to establish consistent income eligibility guidelines among the various City energy assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the current ELIA income eligibility guidelines align with those of the federal energy assistance programs, which only allows coverage up to 125 percent of the federally-defined poverty threshold; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change of ELIA's income eligibility guidelines to 70 percent of state median income, which will allow coverage up to approximately 250 percent of the federally-defined poverty threshold, will remove the requirement for customers to first participate in the federal programs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 21.49.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 119747, is amended as follows:

21.49.042 Emergency low-income assistance program((~~,~~))

A. An emergency credit of ((~~fifty (~~))50((~~)~~)) percent of a customer's delinquent bills up to a maximum credit of ((~~Two Hundred Dollars (~~))$200((~~)~~)) may be granted by the Department to income eligible residential accounts, metered for a single household, which qualify under the following criteria:

1. ((~~Meet the income eligibility guidelines for assistance under the Federal Energy Crisis Intervention Program~~))Total household income does not exceed 70 percent of State Median Income; and

2. Have completed an Emergency Low-Income Assistance program application where income eligibility is verified; and

3. Have received a ((~~twenty-four (~~))24((~~)~~)) hour notice from the Department notifying them that payment or payment arrangements must be made to prevent disconnection; and

((~~3. Have applied for and received grants from both the Federal Energy Assistance Program and the Federal Energy Crisis Intervention Program during their current program year or funds available through these program must have been exhausted for the current program year; and~~))

4. Have entered into an agreement with the Department to pay a minimum of ((~~fifty (~~))50((~~)~~)) percent of the delinquent amount and balance. The emergency credit from this program may be applied to the required payment of the minimum of ((~~fifty (~~))50((~~)~~)) percent of the delinquent amount.

B. A customer is eligible for the emergency credit only one ((~~(1)~~)) time in each ((~~twelve (~~))12((~~)~~)) month period.

((~~C. This program shall terminate thirty (30) days following the termination of either the Federal Energy Assistance Program or the Federal Crisis Intervention Program.~~))

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 17th day of August, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 17th day of August, 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 21st day of August, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 21st day of August, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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CITY OF SEATTLE,CLERKS OFFICE

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JENNIFER A. BARNES NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-24-19 STATE OF WASHINGTON

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

08/31/2015

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle
Title Only Ordinances

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on August 17, 2015 and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at http://clerk.seattle.gov. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

Ordinance 124835

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

Ordinance 124836

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Ordinance 124837

AN ORDINANCE authorizing, in 2015, acceptance of funding from non-City sources; authorizing the heads of the Executive Department, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation, Human Services Department, Seattle Police Department, and the Seattle Public Utilities to accept specified grants and private funding and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Ordinance 124838

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2015 Budget; amending Ordinance 124648, which adopted the 2015 Budget, including the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; creating new appropriations; adding new projects; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2015-2020 CIP; creating both exempt and nonexempt positions; abrogating positions, modifying positions, making cash transfers between various City funds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Ordinance 124839

AN ORDINANCE declaring the Property at 339 22nd Avenue East (PMA 156) as surplus to the City's needs; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to sell two parcels through an open and competitive process; and designating the disposition of sales proceeds.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, August 31, 2015.

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