

Resolution No. 31311

A RESOLUTION confirming that Seattle City Light may extend residential rate assistance electric rates under Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.040 to its low-income customers who reside in subsidized units of the Seattle Housing Authority, the Housing Authority of the County of King or the federal government that do not receive allowances or assistance with their electric utility bills.

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### Committee Action:

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### Full Council Action:

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3 electric rates under Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.040 to its low-income customers who  
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5 County of King or the federal government that do not receive allowances or assistance  
6 with their electric utility bills.

7 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle's municipal utilities currently offer their low-income customers some  
8 of the most comprehensive and generous rate assistance programs in the nation; and,

9 WHEREAS, the City seeks to ensure full participation by eligible customers in these programs; and,

10 WHEREAS, a City Council review of these programs revealed that Seattle City Light's current  
11 interpretation of Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.040 (D) limiting the application of  
12 residential electric rate assistance to any low-income residents in subsidized units of the  
13 Seattle Housing Authority, the Housing Authority of the County of King, or the federal  
14 government is overly restrictive because the language intends to limit the application of  
15 the rate assistance only to those subsidized units that already receive allowances for, or  
16 assistance with, electric utility bills; and,

17 WHEREAS, extending residential rate assistance to certain low-income customers in subsidized  
18 units who do not receive assistance with their electric utility bills is more in line with the  
19 intent of the original legislation;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE  
22 MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

23 Section 1. Council confirms that Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.040(D) only limits  
24 application of residential rate assistance for electric utility bills to low-income customers residing  
25 in subsidized units of the Authorities that actually receive allowances for, or assistance with,  
26 their electric utility bills, and confirms that Seattle City Light may extend residential rate  
27 assistance to low-income customers of housing Authorities who reside in subsidized rental units  
28 that do not receive allowances for, or assistance with, their electric utility bills.



1 Section 2. The Superintendent of Seattle City Light, or his designee, shall work with the  
2 City's Human Services Department to implement any necessary changes to the application or  
3 eligibility criteria pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.040(B) to effectuate this Resolution.  
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5 Adopted by the City Council the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011, and  
6 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 25<sup>th</sup> day  
7 of July, 2011.

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10 President pro tem of the City Council

11 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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15 Michael McGinn, Mayor

16 Filed by me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

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20 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution clarifies that City Light may extend low-income assistance to certain residents of the Seattle and King County Housing Authorities.

**Background:**

City Light offers reduced rates to qualifying low-income customers within its service territory. However, it has to date interpreted SMC 21.49.040 (D) to mean that those reduced rates are not available to any resident of the Seattle and King County Housing Authorities, or other housing receiving federal utility assistance. However, some units in the Housing Authorities do not receive electric utility bill assistance. This resolution clarifies that residents of those units are eligible for low-income assistance.

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## State of Washington, King County

### City of Seattle Title Only Resolution

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Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31308

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Washington State Liquor Control Board amend State Administrative Rule WAC 314-

11-070 and create a new section to allow local governments to petition the Board to establish extended hours service areas within local jurisdictions.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31309

A RESOLUTION of intention to establish a Tourism Business Improvement Area and fix a date and place for a hearing thereon.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31310

A RESOLUTION to initiate a Tourism Business Improvement Area.

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