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Application for Senior Citizen or Disabled Water and Sewer Utility Discount

DISCOUNTS FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS OR LOW INCOME DISABLED CITIZENS

DISCOUNTS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE.

(BIMC 13.16.082 through 086, Ordinance 92-26 and Resolution 2003-01)

Persons age 62 or older who have a combined income in an amount which would qualify them for property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381(S), which is currently $35,000 or low income disabled persons, may apply for the following discounts to their single family residence utility bills:

WATER:	*50% reduction*
SEWER:	*50% reduction*
STORM DRAIN:	*50% reduction*

NAME: _____ _____
(First) (Last)

Birthdate_____ Age_____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ _____
(First) (Last)

Birthdate_____ Age_____

Service Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
_____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Your residence is: **Home** **Condominium**
(Please circle one)

Your are: **Owner** **Renter**
(Please circle one)

Water/Sewer Utility Account Number

Total Gross Income for this year (include spouse's or co-tenant's income) from all sources is: $_____.

Please provide a copy of last year's Federal Income Tax Statement or a copy of your Social Security Statement for income verification purposes.

AFFIDAVIT: I swear under the penalties of either civil or criminal perjury that I have read the application form and that all of the statements, as marked, are true.

_____ _____
Applicant's Signature Spouse's Signature

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

13.16.080 Low income senior citizen discount.

Low income senior citizens who meet the requirements set forth in BIMC 13.16.084 and 13.16.086 shall be entitled to a reduction in water, sewer, and storm and surface water service charges as established by the city by resolution. (Ord. 92-26 § 3, 1992: Ord. 82-20 § D(6), 1982)

13.16.082 Disabled citizen discount.

Low-income disabled citizens who meet the requirements set forth in BIMC 13.16.084 and 13.16.086 shall be entitled to a reduction in the city's water, sewer, and storm and surface water service charges as established by the city by resolution. For the purposes of this chapter, a disabled citizen is a person who is disabled as defined by the Social Security Administration and who receives Social Security benefits, or any other benefits, for that disability from any governmental source. (Ord. 2005-04 § 1, 2005: Ord. 92-26 § 4, 1992: Ord. 88-16 § 19, 1988: Ord. 85-06 § 1, 1985)

13.16.084 Application for discount.

In order to qualify for the rate reductions set forth in BIMC 13.16.080 and 13.16.082, a person must file an application for the reduction with the city clerk prior to January 1st of the year for which the rate reduction is desired. Persons qualifying for the discount after the first of the year may apply at any time at least 30 days prior to the billing date upon which the rate reduction is to be effective. Applicants must meet the requirements for eligibility set forth in BIMC 13.16.086. (Ord. 92-26 § 5, 1992: Ord. 85-06 § 2, 1985)

13.16.086 Requirements for eligibility for discount.

A. The rate reduction shall only apply to utility charges for service to a residence. The residence for which the rate reduction is requested must be the applicant's principal place of residence.

B. The applicant must be the head of the household for the residence for which the rate reduction is requested.

C. The utility account must be in the applicant's name or the name of the applicant's spouse or in the name of a cooperative or condominium association. In situations where the utility account is in the name of a cooperative or condominium association, that organization must guarantee to the city that the full benefit of any rate reduction shall be received by the qualifying individuals under BIMC 13.16.080 or 13.16.082.

D. No person may claim a rate reduction for more than one dwelling unit during the same billing period.

E. The rate reduction authorized by BIMC 13.16.080 shall not be used in conjunction with the rate reduction authorized by BIMC 13.16.082.

F. For purposes of this chapter, a "senior citizen" is a person who is at least 62 years of age on the date of the person's application for a utility rate reduction under this chapter.

G. For purposes of this chapter, "low income" means that the person has a combined disposable income in an amount that would qualify the person for property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381(5). "Combined disposable income" shall be defined as stated in RCW 84.36.383. (Ord. 2005-26 § 1, 2005: Ord. 92-26 § 6, 1992: Ord. 85-06 § 3, 1985)