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Utility Credit

ORDINANCE NO. 1976

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SUBSECTION 13.16.050(A) OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A FIFTY PERCENT CREDIT ON MONTHLY WATER, SEWER AND STORM DRAINAGE CHARGES FOR LOW INCOME DISABLED CITIZENS AND LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1998.

WHEREAS, RCW 74.38.070 authorizes cities to provide utility services at reduced rates for low income senior citizens and low income disabled citizens, and

WHEREAS, many low income senior citizens and low income disabled citizens may have difficulty paying the City's current water, sewer and storm-drainage charges, and the Council desires to provide assistance to these disadvantaged segments of the City's population, and

WHEREAS, Section 13.16.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code currently provides for certain reductions in utility charges for senior citizens and the Council has determined to amend the same in order to provide for low income senior citizens and low income disabled citizens as provided in RCW 74.38.070, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Utility Charges for Low Income Disabled and Low Income Senior

Citizens. Subsection 13.16.050(A) of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Low Income Disabled and Low Income Senior Citizen Credit.

A "low income disabled citizen or low income senior citizen credit" of fifty percent (50%) of monthly water, sewer, METRO and storm drain charges shall be allowed to service users who make application therefor to the city and who qualify for such credit. For the purposes of this section, "low income senior citizen" means the head of a single-family household as defined by Internal Revenue Service regulations who has attained the age of sixty-two (62) years and whose total income from all sources, including that of his or her spouse or contentent, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5)(b)(i), as now or hereafter amended. "Low income disabled citizen" means (i) a person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (f); (ii) a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020; or (iii) a disabled, handicapped, or incapacitated person as defined under any other state or federal program and whose total income including that of his or her spouse or cotenant does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 70.164.120(4) as now or hereafter amended. The credit shall only be allowed from and after the date that the citizen makes application for this credit. The city shall not be liable for the failure of any qualified person to make application for the credit and there shall be no entitlement to such credit in the absence of an application therefor.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect

June 1, 1998, which is more than five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, BONNIE MATTSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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