

Utility Rate Relief Program

for
Low-Income Seniors
&
Low-Income
Disabled Citizens



City of Longview
Finance Department
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What is the Utility Rate Relief Program?

The City Council, by passage of Resolution No. 1951, is offering a utility discount program for qualified low-income seniors and low-income disabled citizens who receive sanitary sewer, garbage collection or storm water utility service from the City. The relief program is available to home owners and citizens living in multiple family dwellings or mobile home courts who meet the eligibility requirements outlined below.

Do I qualify for the program?

The basic eligibility criteria as defined in the resolution includes the following definitions:

- **Low Income Senior Citizen** — a person who is sixty-two (62) years of age or older and whose total income does not exceed \$20,250, or including that of his or her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed \$23,100 per year.
- **Low Income Disabled Citizen** — (1) a person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1)(a-f); (2) a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020; or (3) a disabled, handicapped or incapacitated person as defined under any other state or federal program, and whose total income does not exceed \$20,250, or including that of his or her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed \$23,100 per year.
- **"Income" or "Total Income"*** — includes all salary, wages, interest, dividends and other earnings which are reportable for federal income tax purposes, and cash payments such as reimbursements received from pensions, annuities, social security, and public assistance programs. Also included in income are any contributions received from any family member or other person who is living in the same residence as the applicant for reduced utility rates and who is helping defray such applicant's living costs.

If I qualify for the program, how much of a reduction will I receive?


Monthly charges for sanitary sewer are reduced on a sliding scale based on income level. Free garbage collection service is allowed only for those persons meeting the income level for fifty percent reduction in sanitary sewer. All applicants qualifying for the rate relief program shall be exempt from storm water utility charges.

How do I apply for the program?

Citizens who wish to apply for the discount program should complete the application included in this brochure, attach the appropriate documentation and return the form in person or by mail to the Finance Office, Longview City Hall. P.O. Box 128, 1525 Broadway, Longview, WA 98632. Appropriate documentation for low-income seniors is the Form SSA-1099 from the Social Security Administration. An appropriate document for low-income disabled citizens, would be a statement issued by the Social Security Administration stating income as well as disability (SSI, SSDI). Please remember, YOU MUST REAPPLY EVERY YEAR to remain eligible for this reduction.

If I have additional questions, who should I call?

You may phone the city utility department at 360.442.5033 for further information on this program.

 Application for Reduced Sanitary/Sewer/Stormwater Charges	
Name	Phone
Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Renter <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled
Number of people living at this address:	
*Are you over 62?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Are you Disabled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Do you receive public assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Do you receive a rental/utility subsidy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Is your rent based on your income?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Source of Income for all residing at this address	Monthly Amount
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Total Annual Income	
*Indicates that you must attach documentation with this application.	
I certify that the information I have provided is true and accurate. Verification of any of the information contained in the application may be obtained from any source named herein.	
Signature	Date
For City Use Only	
Verified	Date
Account No.	Age
Approved	Income
Code	