

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12-1018**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WA, AMENDING WHITE SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE 13.16.095 – 13.16.101, LOW-INCOME SENIOR AND DISABLED CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM, REPEALING SECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, requirements for the low-income senior and disabled citizen discount program are located in several different sections of the White Salmon Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, the requirements for the program conflict and should be consolidated to make the requirements for readily available to the citizens of White Salmon; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: by the City Council of the City of White Salmon that the following amendments be made to White Salmon Municipal Code Chapter 13.16:

SECTION 1 – Amendment to WSMC 13.16.095 – 13.16.101

Sections 13.16.095 – 13.16.101 is hereby amended to read:

Key: **Underlined** = added language
~~Strikethrough~~ = deleted language

13.16.095 Police for discounts established.

Provision for discounts to the billings for water and wastewater utility services for certain low-income senior or low-income disable citizens is adopted in order to provide necessary support for such individuals. Such reductions are intended to offset rate increases.

13.16.096 Low-income senior citizen qualifications.

To qualify for the discount, a low-income senior citizen shall show satisfactory proof that he or she **meets all of the following criteria:**

- A. Is sixty-two years of age or older;
- B. Has ~~a maximum annual household income at or below one hundred twenty-five percent of federal poverty guidelines~~ **an annual household income of seventy-five percent or less than the medium family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;**

- C. Is a single occupant or the head of a household or the spouse of the head of the household;
- D. Resides in the dwelling unit serviced by the water and wastewater utility for twelve consecutive months each year; and
- E. Is billed or is the spouse of a person billed by the water and wastewater utility.

Applicants shall verify such information to the satisfaction of the city, and shall provide such other data as is deemed appropriate upon forms prepared, and in the manner determined, by the city.

13.16.097 Low-income disabled citizen qualifications.

To qualify for the discount, a **low-income** disabled citizen shall show satisfactory proof that he or she **meets all of the following criteria:**

- A. Is **legally** disabled **as defined in section 113.16.100 below;**
- B. Has ~~a maximum annual household income at or below one hundred twenty-five percent of federal poverty guidelines~~ **an annual household income of seventy-five percent or less than the medium family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;**
- C. Is a single-occupant or the head of a household or the spouse of the head of the household;
- D. Resides in the dwelling unit served by the water and wastewater utility for twelve consecutive months; and
- E. Is billed or is the spouse of a person billed by the water and wastewater utility.

Applicants shall verify such information to the satisfaction of the city, and shall provide such other data as is deemed appropriate upon forms prepared, and in the manner determined, by the city.

13.16.098 Discount applies to water and wastewater utility services.

Persons qualified by the city as eligible recipients of a low-income senior or low-income disabled citizen discount provided for in this chapter shall be granted a discount against the base charges assess for water and wastewater utility services under this chapter.

13.16.099 Discount rate.

The clerk-treasurer is authorized to discount the base rate for water and wastewater utility services to qualified low-income seniors or low-income disabled citizens ~~by twenty percent~~ as provided below, provided, however, that there shall not be more than one such discount per household.

- A. Persons qualified by the city as eligible low-income seniors or low-income disabled citizens with an annual household income of fifty-percent or less than the median family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall receive a discount of fifty percent on the base residential water and wastewater fees.**
- B. Persons qualified by the city as eligible low-income seniors or low-income disabled citizens with an annual household income between seventy-five percent and fifty-one percent of the median family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall receive a discount of twenty-five percent on the base residential water and wastewater fees.**

13.16.100 Definition of disabled persons.

For purposes of this chapter, the following person are defined as disabled;

- A. A person who has qualified and received special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through 46.16.381(1)(g).
- B. A blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020(4).
- C. A person who has a development disability as defined in RCW 71A.10.020(3).
- D. A person who is gravely disabled as a result of a mental disorder as defined in RCW 71.05.020(16).
- E. A person who has qualified and receives supplemental social security benefits due to disability.

13.16.101 Application process for discounts.

- A. **Initial aApplications** shall be made using the Washington State LILHEAP “Household Information Form” **on an annual basis.**

- B. Applications shall be submitted to the city. By submitting an application, the applicant authorizes the city to refer the application to the Washington Gorge Action Programs or other appropriate entity to process the application.
- C. Washington Gorge Action Programs will review and screen those applications for eligibility.

Washington Gorge Action Programs will submit a list of names and addresses to the city of White Salmon of those who appear to qualify for a low-income senior or low-income disabled persons discount.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sentence, or phrase of this Chapter is 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 or phrase of this Chapter.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective following passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED in regular session this _____ day of _____, 2017.

David Poucher, Mayor

Jan Brending, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney