

**CITY OF PACIFIC
WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 12-1822

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON AMENDING PACIFIC MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 14.48.050 SEWER, 14.88.030 WATER, 24.16.050 STORMWATER, AND SECTION 8.04.235 GARBAGE REGARDING REDUCED UTILITY RATES FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN AND/OR LOW INCOME DISABLED CUSTOMERS

WHEREAS, the current language within the Pacific Municipal Code Chapters 14.48.050, 14.88.030, 8.04.235, AND 24.16.050(C) allows for a 15 percent reduction of water, sewer, storm, and garbage billing for qualifying senior citizen and disabled Military Veterans; and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends that the age for low-income senior citizens be changed from 65 years of age to 62 years of age which in compliance with Federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, City staff also recommend that the City recognize and grant a reduced rate to 18+ years of age disabled citizens that qualify as low income; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

(repealed language is noted by strike through and new language is underlined)

Section 1. PMC 14.48.050 is amended as follows:

14.48.050 Reduced rates for low income senior citizens and/or low income disable customers.

Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a city sewer billing shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any State of Washington and/or Federal Agency/Program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 2. Pacific Municipal Code 14.88.030 is amended as follows:

14.88.030 Reduced rates for low income senior citizens and/or low income disable customers.

Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly city water billing shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any State of Washington and/or Federal Agency/Program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 3. Pacific Municipal Code 8.04.235 is amended as follows:

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8.04.235 Reduced rates for low income senior citizens and/or low income disabled customers

Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly city garbage billing shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/ is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any State of Washington and/or Federal Agency/Program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 4. Pacific Municipal Code 24.16.050(C) is amended as follows:

24.16.050 (C) Service charge rates.

C. Reduced rates for low income senior citizens and/or low income disabled customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly stormwater charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any State of Washington and/or Federal Agency/Program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 5. 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 6 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force on February _____, 2012.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

APPROVED:


CY SUN, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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