

**CITY OF PACIFIC
WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 12- 1831

**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 CITIZENS 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 City billed utilities for qualifying senior citizens and disabled customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific wishes to revise the eligibility requirements to identify income as “taxable income”;

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

Section 1. Pacific Municipal Code 14.48.050 is amended as follows:

14.48.050 Reduced rates for low income senior citizens and/or low income disabled 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 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income 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 disabled customers.

Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a 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 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income 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:

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

Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a 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/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 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income 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, 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 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income 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, 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 this 3RD day of August, 2012.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2012.

APPROVED:



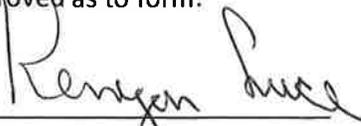
Cy Sun, Mayor

Attest:



Angelica Solvang, Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Ken Luce, City Attorney