

RESOLUTION NO. 89-1386

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN WATER DISCOUNT PROGRAM TO REDUCE WATER RATES FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF NEWBERG.

WHEREAS, the burden of meeting living expenses is felt heavily by elderly persons subsisting on limited incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that members of this group should be given some relief from this burden; and

WHEREAS, a water discount to address these concerns was adopted at the June 6, 1988 Council meeting, to expire on June 30, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the cost to serve study will provide said relief by basing sewer and water rates on a flow basis, instead of a flat rate, thereby benefitting elderly persons who typically use less water and eliminating the need for a separate senior citizen discount; and

WHEREAS, in the event the cost to serve study is not completed in time to implement the new rate structure for the July, 1989 billing, the water discount program would need to be continued until the new rate structure is implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, as follows, to-wit:

Section 1. Purpose of Water Discounts for Senior Citizens.

In the event the cost to serve study is not completed in time to implement the new rate structure for the July, 1989 billing, there is hereby established a senior citizen water discount program, the purpose of which is to reduce the monthly amount due under the City's rate ordinance for water service to low-income senior citizens, living within the City limits of Newberg.

Section 2. Senior Citizen Defined.

A senior citizen is a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age on or before the date on which the application for discount is submitted.

Section 3. Qualification of Senior Citizen.

A senior citizen desiring to qualify for a water discount must submit to the City a written application therefore, on forms to be provided by the City. To qualify for the senior citizen water discount program:

- (a) The applicant must be a senior citizen; and

- (b) The applicant must be a resident of, and the head of the household for which the discount is requested; and
- (c) The senior citizen shall have an income not to exceed \$8,155 from all sources; and if married, then their joint income shall not exceed \$11,580 from all sources during the calendar year preceding the date on which the application for discount is submitted.

Section 4. Application Required.

A senior citizen desiring to receive a water discount must submit an initial application to the City therefore, on forms provided by the City. In order to maintain continuous qualifications for such discount, the senior citizen shall, not later than June 30th of each ensuing year, file an annual application for renewal on forms provided by the City. The City Manager shall determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications and requirements set forth in this resolution.

Section 5. Amount of Water Discount.

If the applicant has met all of the requirements of this resolution, the City shall, beginning with the next billing cycle after July 1st of the current year, discount by Five Dollars (\$5.00) the total amount billed for water service, not including connect fees, reconnect fees and similar charges, for the applicants own residence.

Section 6. Termination of Program.

The Senior Citizen Water Discount Program shall automatically terminate at the time the new rate structure is implemented, unless extended by resolution of the Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon on this 1st day of May, 1989.

  
Tracie Remillard - City Recorder