

**CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 1145**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, GRANTING RELIEF FROM THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL UTILITY CHARGES TO LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS AND SPECIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET PRIOR TO SUCH RELIEF;

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to establish and increase the service charge for the City's provision of municipal sewer and or water services; and

WHEREAS, increases to the charges of those services have a disproportionately large effect on low-income senior citizens who have limited opportunities to generate additional income for utility payments; and

WHEREAS, the North Bonneville City Council wishes to reduce the impact of utility service charges on low-income seniors operated by the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of North Bonneville do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1.

Legend: New language added = underlined
 Old language deleted = ~~strikethrough~~

Amending TITLE 13 PUBLIC UTILITIES as follows:

Chapter 13.04 WATER SYSTEM

Add Section 13.04.061

13.04.061 Low Income Senior Citizen Utility Rate--Granted

There is granted relief to low-income senior citizens who meet the qualifications and requirements of 13.04.062 from any municipal utility charges of the follows: for all billings by the City after May 1, 2022, low-income senior citizens shall pay 50% of the minimum service charge for base rate for municipally operated water service. Such reduced rate does not apply to excess water consumption or other charges beyond the base rate for the services provided.

Add Section 13.04.062

13.04.062 Low Income Senior Citizen Utility Rate—Requests and Qualifications.

To qualify for the relief set forth in Section 13.04.061; a senior citizen shall:

- A. Be 62 years of age or older at time of application.

- B. Single persons, having any income, from all sources whatsoever, not exceeding 25% of the median income for a family of four in the State of Washington, or if multiple persons, having income, from all sources whatsoever, not exceeding 40% of the median income for a family of four in the State of Washington. Median income shall be established by

Title XX of the Social Security Act and the Washington States Senior Citizens Services program, Guidelines for Income Resources, WAC 388-17-160(1976), including any amendments thereto.

- C. File an annual claim for relief with the clerk-treasurer of the City on forms provided by the clerk-treasurer.

Chapter 13.12 Sewer System

Add Section 13.12.136

13.12.136 Low Income Senior Citizen Utility Rate—Granted

There is granted relief to low-income senior citizens who meet the qualifications and requirements of 13.12.137 from any municipal utility charges of the follows: for all billings by the City after May 1, 2022, low-income senior citizens shall pay 50% of the minimum service charge for base rate for municipally operated water service. Such reduced rate does not apply to excess water consumption or other charges beyond the base rate for the services provided.

Add Section 13.12.137

13.12.137 Low Income Senior Citizen Utility Rate—Requests and Qualifications.

To qualify for the relief set forth in Section 13.12.136; a senior citizen shall:

- A. Be 62 years of age or older at time of application.
- B. Single persons, having any income, from all sources whatsoever, not exceeding 25% of the median income for a family of four in the State of Washington, or if multiple persons, having income, from all sources whatsoever, not exceeding 40% of the median income for a family of four in the State of Washington. Median income shall be established by Title XX of the Social Security Act and the Washington States Senior Citizens Services program, Guidelines for Income Resources, WAC 388-17-160(1976), including any amendments thereto.
- C. File an annual claim for relief with the clerk-treasurer of the City on forms provided by the clerk-treasurer.

Section 2.

Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall 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 3.

Effective Date and Publication.

This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication of the Ordinance, or a summary thereof consisting of its title, in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022.



Brian Sabo, Mayor

Attest:



Deanna Syron, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney