



# Application for Reduced Utility Rates

Senior Citizen and Disabled Low Income Households

Utility Account Number:			
Head of Household:			
Spouse:			
Mailing Address:			
City, State, Zip:		Telephone:	

To qualify for the City of Grandview Senior Citizen and Disabled Low Income Discount the applicant(s) **MUST MEET NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 4, AND RENTERS MUST HAVE LANDLORD FILL OUT NUMBER 5** of the following criteria and supply the proper documentation:

check appropriate box(s)	Proof can be any of the following (please attach):
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Age <b>OR</b>	<b>62 years of age or older.</b> Provide Birth Certificate, Driver's License, WA State ID Card, or Social Security Statement  <b>Disabled citizen means: qualifies for special parking privileges, or a blind person, or qualifies for SSI benefits due to a disability.</b> Provide current copies of SSI.
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Residence	Copies of utility bills, driver's licenses, or WA State ID Card. <b>If you are a renter, property owner must fill out number 5.</b>
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Income*	Prior year's income tax form 1040 or all income related documents, if you did not file form 1040 provide proof of income, such as: social security statement, bank statement reflecting Social Security direct deposits, and interest income. <b>List additional household residents over 18 years of age, provide proof of income for individuals:</b> Name: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household	By checking this box, I certify that I am the head of household for the above mentioned utility account.
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Renter	Owner Statement: I understand that as the owner of this property, I am responsible for the water, sewer, and garbage bill and that this discount is designed to assist the renter, not the owner. I certify that I have a written agreement with my tenant that stipulates the tenant pay the utility bill or that I agree to reduce the tenant's rent by the amount of the rate reduction. <b>I will also notify the City if this tenant moves out of the house at the above address.</b> Name: _____ Phone: _____  Address: _____  Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you own your mobile home, but live in a court – this section does not apply.

\*The **annual combined disposable income** from all sources for individual applications must be less than \$25,000 and the annual combined disposable income from all sources for married couples applications must be less than \$35,000. **Combined disposable income means** the disposable income of the person claiming the exemption, plus the disposable income of his or her spouse, and the disposable income of each co-tenant occupying the residence for the assessment year.

*I hereby apply for the discount for my utility services and certify under the penalties of law that to the best of my knowledge all statements on this form are true.*

Applicant's Signature	Date	Co-Applicant's Signature	Date

**Return forms to: City of Grandview, 207 W. Second St, Grandview, WA 98930**

<b>For office use only:</b>			
Date received:		Received by:	
Documentation Attached:		Verified by:	
Billing date to start discount:		Entered:	

**STAFF: REMEMBER TO ASK IF A DOCUMENT IS NOT ATTACHED!!**

<b>Age</b>		<b>OR</b>	<b>Disability</b>	
Driver's License or WA State ID			Parking Permit from DOL	
Birth Certificate			Blind:	
Social Security Statement			Supplemental Social Security Statement	
<b>Residence</b>			<b>Income</b>	
Address Check – WA DL or WA ID		Yes	1040 (adjusted gross income), line 37	
Address Check – utility billing		No	\$ _____ annually	
Application Approved			SS/SSI Income (net deposit amount)	
Application Denied			\$ _____ annually	
Reason for denial:			Interest Income	
			\$ _____ annually	
			Bank Statement (net SS/SSI deposit & interest amount)	
			\$ _____ annually	
Letter Sent:			<b>Total Household Income:</b>	

GRANDVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.30  
LOW INCOME SENIOR AND LOW INCOME DISABLED PERSONS UTILITY RATES

13.30.010 Purpose and findings.

The City Council of the City of Grandview finds that it is appropriate for the City to establish reduced rates for utilities provided by the City to low-income senior and low income disabled residents of the City as allowed under RCW 74.38.070.

13.30.020 Definitions.

- A. "Senior citizen" means a person who:
1. Resides within the city limits of the City of Grandview
  2. Is 62 years or older
  3. Receives utility services from the City of Grandview
  4. Is the head of a household
- B. "Disabled citizen" means a person who:
1. Resides within the city limits of the City of Grandview
  2. Is the head of a household
  3. Qualifies for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381 (1)(a) through (f), or a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020, or a person who qualifies for supplemental social security benefits due to a disability.
- C. "Low income" is defined as follows:
1. Every single person whose combined disposable income as defined in RCW 84.36.383 (4) & (5), as it now exists or is hereafter amended, is less than the qualifying amount set forth in RCW 84.36.381 (5)(b)(ii), as it now exists or is hereafter amended.
  2. Every married couple, constituting a marital community, and whose combined disposable income as defined in RCW 84.36.383 (4) & (5), as it now exists or is hereafter amended is less than the qualifying amount set forth in RCW 84.36.381(5)(a), as it now exists or is hereafter amended.

13.30.030 Rate reduction- applicable utilities.

A. Notwithstanding the rates provided in Grandview Municipal Code Chapter 13.28, a utility rate reduction shall be applied to the residential monthly utility bills of qualified low-income senior citizens and low-income disabled citizens, in accordance with the terms of this chapter.

B. The utility rate reduction for city water, sewer, garbage and irrigation water for qualified individuals under this chapter shall be a twenty percent (20%) reduction in the individual's monthly billing. This rate may be changed by the City Council at any time by ordinance.

13.30.040 Application for reduced rate.

A. Applications for utility reduced rates under this section shall be obtained from and filed with the city clerk, or his or her designee. The application shall be on the form prescribed by the city clerk, and shall contain information necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualification for reduced rates. In order to verify income, the applicant shall provide income tax returns, social security statements or other financial information as required by the city clerk.

B. Submission of an application for a utility discount shall constitute verification by the applicant that all information provided in such application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

C. Once the application is approved, the reduced rates shall become effective on the next billing cycle following 30 days after approval of the application.

D. Each application shall be effective for 12 months commencing the first month the reduced rate becomes effective for the applicant. It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to re-apply for successive 12 monthly periods of eligibility for reduced utility rates.

E. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the person receiving a reduced rate to report any changes in their financial status or disability status that would affect their ineligibility for the reduced rates.

13.30.050 Penalty for false information.

Any individual willfully providing false information to the city in an application for reduced utility rates shall forfeit the low-income senior or disabled citizens eligibility for rate reductions in utility rates and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and by imprisonment for not more than 90 day or by both such fine and imprisonment. Additionally, the low-income senior or disabled citizen making such a false statement to obtain benefits under this chapter shall be required to repay the amount of any utility discount received based upon such false information, together with interest at the rate of 12% per annum until repaid in full.