

**KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 90
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 931**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, King County, Washington, adopting a reduced water rate policy for low-income ratepayers.

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.014 authorizes King County Water District No. 90 to charge reduced rates and charges for low-income persons, including, but not limited to, low-income disabled persons and low-income senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.014 further provides that other financial assistance available to low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons shall be considered in determining charges and rates for low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, it is further provided by statute that notification of special rates or charges established by King County Water District No. 90 shall be provided to all persons served by the District annually and upon initiating service. Information on cost shifts caused by the establishment of special rates or charges shall also be included in the notification; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90 has determined it to be in the best interest of low-income senior ratepayers and low-income disabled ratepayers to establish a reduced water rate policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 90, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That in order to be considered eligible for a reduced water rate charge, any low-income senior ratepayer or low-income disabled ratepayer must make application to the District. The Application and Affidavit for Reduction in Water Rates attached hereto as Exhibit A” is adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Section Two: Low-income senior ratepayers shall be defined as a ratepayer of the District being 55 years of age or older or, if married, the applicant’s spouse is 55 years of age or older (age being verified by a ratepayer’s driver’s license, passport or other legal identification), and have a gross annual income from all sources of less than \$20,000 per year if single, or, if married, a combined gross annual income of less than \$27,000 per year from all sources.

Section Three: Low-income disabled ratepayer shall be defined as a ratepayer of the District being permanently disabled as evidenced by a letter from the Social Security Administration declaring the ratepayer permanently disabled and having a gross annual income from all sources of less than \$20,000 per year if single of, if married, a combined gross annual income of less than \$27,000 per year from all sources.

Section Four: Gross annual income of any low-income senior ratepayer or low-income disabled ratepayer shall be established by verification by District staff of Federal Tax returns for the prior two years; verification of the IRS low-income, no-reporting statement; Social Security statements and/or unemployment benefit statements.

Section Five: Other requirements to be eligible for the low-income reduced water rate policy of King County Water District No. 90 shall include the following:

- (a) Any applicant must reside in the residence where the reduced water rate is being requested;
- (b) Any applicant's residence must have a separate water meter. (no mother-in-law apartment or multi-family residences are eligible);
- (c) Any tenant applicant must pay the water bill directly to King County Water District No. 90;
- (d) Any applicant must be the named ratepayer on the District's utility billing system;
- (e) Only one parcel of property owned by any one applicant may be eligible for the reduced water rate charge;
- (f) All applications must be renewed annually. A renewal letter will be sent to all participants receiving a reduced water rate charge on or before the prior application anniversary date. Applicants will have 30 days thereafter to reapply for the reduced water rate charge. Any applicant failing to reapply within the 30 day period may be subject to discontinuation of the reduced water rate charge.
- (g) All applicants must agree to notify the District administrative staff when moving from the residence where the reduced water rate charge is being applied;
- (h) All applicants must agree to repay the District for all amounts undercharged to the applicant by the District if an applicant is found to have been ineligible for the reduced water rate charge;
- (i) All applicants must agree to provide additional information to the District administrative staff when requested regarding their age, residence and/or income as may be required by the District from time to time;

(j) All applicants must agree that the information provided to King County Water District No. 90 to participate in the low-income ratepayer's program is a public record and may be subject to public disclosure.

Section Six: That the District staff is authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate this Resolution, including, but not limited to, providing notification to all ratepayers of King County Water District No. 90 as provided by statute.

Section Seven: That the low-income ratepayer policy shall become effective on May 1, 2011.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, King County, Washington, at their open public meeting thereof held on the 1st day of March, 2011.
