



City of Tukwila

Washington

Ordinance No. 1999

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A UTILITY TAX ANNUAL REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Tukwila City Council passed Ordinance No. _____, establishing a utility tax to provide revenue for City services and capital facilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of said utility tax ordinance provides that a utility tax annual rebate program will be developed for the City's senior or disabled low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a utility tax annual rebate program and the low-income criteria and application procedures;

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

Section 1. Utility tax annual rebate program established. A utility tax annual rebate program is established for senior and disabled low-income residents in accordance with the eligibility criteria and guidelines described in this ordinance. The first period covered under this program is February 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003, and then every calendar year thereafter.

Section 2. Utility tax annual rebate for electricity and gas services. For electricity and natural gas services, eligible Tukwila households may apply annually to receive a utility tax rebate.

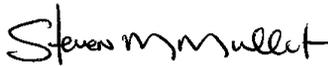
To qualify for utility tax annual rebate from electric and gas services, a household must:

- A. Be a household residing in Tukwila.
- B. Every person 62 years of age or older (if married, then either spouse) or every person totally and permanently disabled residing in a separately metered dwelling and who is paying directly for such separately billed service either as owner, purchaser or renter and whose individual disposable income if a single person, or whose combined disposable income (as defined in RCW 84.36.383), if a married couple, from all sources is less than \$32,000 per year, shall receive an annual utility tax rebate on their electric and natural gas energy bills. Every such person shall file with the Finance Department their affidavit that he or she is qualified to receive the rebate. Such affidavits are to contain information as required by the Finance Director in order to establish eligibility. Each affidavit will also include an unqualified promise to inform the City of any changes in financial condition that would disqualify the person for the rebate. The Finance Director may require affidavits on an annual basis if deemed necessary.
- C. The Finance Director shall adopt rules and procedures for the filing of reimbursement claims, and for the administration of the utility tax annual rebate program.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other households or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this 18th day of November, 2002.

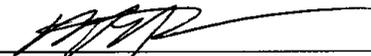


Steven M. Mullet, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jane E. Cantu, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:


Office of the City Attorney

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