

Chapter 5: LOW INCOME REDUCED WATER RATE PROGRAM

3.05.010 Reduced Rate.

For qualifying applicants, the bi-monthly base water rate will be reduced by 50% of a single family 5/8" x 3/4" service rate, regardless of the meter size. This reduction does not apply to other elements of the bi-monthly water bill, including: the capital improvement charge [CIC], Equivalent Residential Unit [ERU] or the City Franchise fee. Actual water usage will continue to be billed at the regular step rate amount per CCF consumed. The discount for the bi-monthly base water rate will be adjusted annually with the adoption of the District's annual budget. (Res.2020.08.25)

3.05.020 Qualifying for Reduced Rates.

To qualify for reduced rates under the Program, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria.

- A. The applicant's total household adjusted gross income from all sources must be equal to, or less than the "very low-income" rate set annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Seattle area; AND
- B. The applicant must reside at the residence where the low-income rate is being requested; AND
- C. The applicant must have a separate water meter at the residence where the low-income rate is being requested; AND
- D. The applicant must sign an application form provided by the District under penalty of perjury accompanied by any appropriate documentation required by the District; AND
- E. Amounts received as gross income includes taxable and non-taxable sources such as retirement and social security. (Res. 2020.08.25).

3.05.030 Annual Budget.

The District's budget for the Program shall be based on the pattern of discount applicants in previous years.—The District shall not be required to accept more qualified applicants than the Program is budgeted for.

3.05.040 No Prior Adjustments.

The rate reduction for qualifying applicants shall take effect the billing cycle following application approval. There will be no rate adjustments for prior billing periods. (Res. 2003.06.16)

3.05.050 Annual Resubmittal.

Approved applicants shall be required to resubmit a qualifying application and supporting documents annually in order to continue to receive the reduced rate. Application forms will be made available at the District office and on the District website. Applications should be submitted to the District office prior to May 31 each year (Res. 2003.06.16).