

CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

AGENDA ITEM:	
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.63 OF THE MARYSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE UTILITY RATE RELIEF	
PREPARED BY:	DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
Sandy Langdon, Finance Director	
DEPARTMENT:	
Finance	
ATTACHMENTS:	
Proposed ordinance	
BUDGET CODE:	AMOUNT:
Various	Est. \$49,450/YR
SUMMARY:	

The utility rate relief was established to provide a utility rate reduction to low-income senior and disabled city utility customers. The current discount rate is 30%. There are 450 customers that qualify for the utility rate reduction.

A recent survey of surrounding city utilities identified discount rates above thirty percent (30%). The city wishes to maintain comparable discount rates with surrounding city utilities. Therefore, the recommendation would be to increase the utility rate relief from 30% to 40%.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. _____.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE
Marysville, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.63 OF THE MARYSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE UTILITY RATE RELIEF FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR AND DISABLED CITY UTILITY CUSTOMERS.

WHEREAS, chapter 3.63 of the municipal code provides a utility rate reduction to low-income senior and disabled city utility customers as authorized by RCW 74.38.070; and

WHEREAS, the current rate reduction in Marysville is thirty percent (30%); and

WHEREAS, a survey of surrounding city utilities identified discount rates above thirty percent (30%) and averaging forty percent (40%); and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to maintain comparable discounts for low-income senior and disabled city utility customers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to increase the utility rate relief to forty percent (40%).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.63 MMC, Rate Relief, is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Upon approval by the city attorney, the city clerk or the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including scrivener's errors or clerical mistakes; references to other local, state, or federal laws, rules, or regulations; or numbering or referencing of ordinances or their sections and subsections.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective May 1, 2022.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

By _____
JON NEHRING, MAYOR

Attest:

By _____
_____, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

By _____
JON WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY

Date of publication: _____

Effective Date: May 1, 2022

EXHIBIT A

3.63.020 Rate relief.

(1) There is granted to persons who meet the qualifications and requirements of MMC [3.63.030](#) and [3.63.040](#) relief from the city's water, sewer and solid waste service charges in the following circumstances:

(a) Direct Billing Customer. All billings by the city to direct billing customers who meet the qualifications and requirements of MMC [3.63.030](#) and [3.63.040](#) shall be reduced by ~~30~~ 40 percent for sewer services, water services and the equivalent level of garbage service at one 36-gallon can removed weekly as prescribed by the city's water, sewerage and solid waste rate ordinances then in effect.

(b) Indirect Billing Customer. All billings paid by indirect billing customers to the landlord, maintenance association or other third party who meet the qualifications and requirements of MMC [3.63.030](#) and [3.63.040](#) may apply for the ~~30~~ 40 percent rebate for sewer services, minimum water services as prescribed by the city's water and sewerage rate ordinances then in effect; provided, that such indirect billing customers may receive a one-time payment pursuant to the provision of MMC [3.63.040](#)(1)(b).

(2) In determining the amount of relief granted under this section, the water service charge shall not include any consumption charges beyond the maximum allowable for the minimum water charge for indirect billing customers; nor shall it include solid waste rate charges beyond a single 36-gallon weekly service for directly billed customers.