



Ordinance No. 3077

An Ordinance Amending Section 13.44.020 of the Anacortes Municipal Code to extend a Reduction in Monthly Charges Granted to Low-Income and Indigent Residents for Residential Internet Services

Whereas the City Council of the City of Anacortes desires to provide reliable, high-speed internet to the residents and businesses of Anacortes, for the benefit and growth of economic and community goals; and

Whereas the Anacortes Municipal Code (AMC) at Section 13.44.020 currently provides a 20% reduction in City utility fees for low-income and indigent residents who qualify, but that fee reduction does not presently apply to residential internet services; and

Whereas in recognition of the importance of equitable access to the internet for all residents, the City Council desires to extend the fee reduction for low-income and indigent residents to residential internet fees.

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Anacortes does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Anacortes Municipal Code Section 13.44.020 revised to read as follows:

13.44.020 Reduction in monthly charges granted to low-income and indigent residents.

A. There is granted a reduction in monthly city charges for water, sewer, storm sewer, sanitation, and residential internet services to low-income and indigent residents of the city who meet the qualifications and requirements of subsections B and C of this section, as follows:

1. For all water, sewer, storm sewer, sanitation and residential internet utility charges incurred after June 1, 1984, the city shall reimburse low-income and indigent residents of the city as defined in this chapter 20 percent of the minimum water, sewer, storm sewer, and sanitation charges, and 20 percent of the charges for the level of residential internet service the customer has selected as prescribed by the city rate ordinances, in the form of a reduction of such charges.

B. Reduction Eligibility Determination—Qualifications (Low-Income and Indigent Resident Defined). To qualify for the relief set forth in subsection (A)(1) of this section, an individual shall:

1. Be a bona fide resident of the city during all periods during which said relief is requested and received; and
2. Have an income from all sources whatsoever not to exceed the income eligibility guidelines as contained in Exhibit A attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter which is by this reference made a part hereof.

3. For the purposes of this section, “income” shall include railroad retirement and social security benefits, investment income in the form of dividends from stock, interest on savings accounts and bonds, capital gains, gifts and inheritance, net rental income from real estate, disability payments, retirement pay and annuities. Reimbursement for losses are not to be considered as income.

C. Application Requirements—Rules and Regulations.

1. All claims for application of this chapter must be made and filed with the Department of Finance of the city and no relief from charges incurred prior to the date on which the application is approved shall be granted.

2. All requests for eligibility under this chapter shall be submitted to the Department of Finance in writing on a form provided by said Department and certified by the claimant.

3. The Department of Finance of the city shall publish rules and regulations to implement this chapter.

D. Penalty for a False Statement. It is a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly file any false application for a reduction of utility charges under this chapter or to knowingly make any false statement or knowingly provide any false information on said application. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum jail penalty of 90 days and/or a maximum fine of \$500.00. (Ord. 3022 §6 (Att. A), 2018)

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner required by law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2020.

CITY OF ANACORTES:

Laurie Gere

Laurie Gere, Mayor

Attest:

Steven D. Hoglund

Steve Hoglund, City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

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