
Council Bill Number: 115181

Ordinance Number: 121735

AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; revising credits to low income customers, and amending Section 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code in connection therewith.

Status: Passed

Note: Sculpture Park Administrative Jurisdiction

Vote: 8-0 (Absent: Della)

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Sponsor: COMPTON

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Reference: Related: Res. 28556; Ord. 116270

Text:

ORDINANCE _____

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WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Business and Occupation tax rate will increase on April 1, 2005 from 10% to 11.5%; and

WHEREAS, residential solid waste rates and charges will increase on April 1, 2005 to reflect these additional taxes; and

WHEREAS, certain credits to low income customers need to be revised to reflect the April 1, 2005 increase in solid waste rates and charges; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection B of Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.76.040 is amended as follows:

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B. Solid Waste. Persons qualified by the Director of the Human Services Department as eligible recipients of Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) shall be granted low income billing credits or rates as follows:

1. Eligible recipients who are billed directly by Seattle Public Utilities for garbage container, as defined in SMC Section

21.36.014, services shall receive a credit equal to 0.5 times the current billing.

- 2. Eligible recipients with twice weekly garbage container, as defined in SMC Section 21.36.014, service shall be charged 0.5 times the rate calculated in subsection B of SMC Section 21.40.050.
- 3. Eligible recipients who are billed directly by Seattle Public Utilities for yardwaste service shall be charged per month or a portion thereof for each dwelling unit, billed directly to the owner or occupant, of Two Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$2.15) for up to four (4) bundles-of-yardwaste, as defined in SMC Section 21.36.010 , per collection plus an additional charge of Seventy-five Cents (\$0.75) for each extra bundle-of-yardwaste beyond four (4) per collection.
- 4. Eligible recipients not billed directly by Seattle Public Utilities for solid waste services and receiving garbage container, as defined in SMC Section 21.36.014, yardwaste, as defined in SMC Section 21.36.016, or detachable container, as defined in SMC Section 21.36.012, service shall receive the following credits:

Effective Effective

January 1, 2003 April 1, 2005

Garbage container customers ~~\$8.05 per month~~ \$8.05 per month \$8.20 per month

Detachable container customers ~~5.55 per month~~ 5.85 per month 6.10 per month

Yardwaste customers ~~2.15 per month~~ 2.15 per month 2.15 per month

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2005, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2005.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2005.

City Clerk

(Seal)

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