

ORDINANCE NO. 4650

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CHAPTER 9.30 “UTILITY RATES” AND AMENDING SECTION 9.30.020 “DEFINITIONS” OF THE ELLENSBURG CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City Council enacted Ordinance 4503 to repeal and replace Title 9 “Utilities” of the Ellensburg City Code, and

WHEREAS, the Ellensburg City Code chapter 9.30.20 defines eligibility for utility customers to receive low income senior and low income disabled discounted rates and references specific chapters of the Revised Code of Washington, and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington periodically updates chapters of the Revised Code of Washington which then cause the City to amend its ordinances, and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the State Legislature repealed RCW 46.16.381 “Criteria for natural persons – Application – Identification cards, placards and license plates” for replacement by RCW 46.19.010 of the same name to reconcile chapter 161, Laws of 2010 and other amendments made during the 2010 legislative session, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington does hereby ordain:

Section 1. Section 9.30.020 of the Ellensburg City Code, as last amended by Section 1 of Ordinance 4571, is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.30.020 Definitions.

“BOD (biochemical oxygen demand)” means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five days at 20 degrees centigrade, expressed in parts per million by weight.

“Debt service coverage” or “DSC” means the result of a calculation dividing a utility’s margin (profit) for the year by the utility’s annual debt payment.

“Domestic strength wastewater” means wastewater having a BOD of 200 mg/l and suspended solids of 250 mg/l.

“Electric demand” means the maximum KW delivered during a 30-minute period in which the consumption of energy is the greatest during the month.

“Income” means all moneys received by the claimant from any source. It includes, but is not limited to: wages, railroad retirement, Social Security benefits, investment income in the form of

dividends from stock, interest on savings accounts and bonds, capital gains, gifts and inheritances, net rental income from real estate, disability payments, retirement pay and annuities. Reimbursement for losses shall not be considered as income.

“Low-income disabled citizen” means a person who: (A) with has a combined household income at or below 125 percent of the federally established poverty level, ~~as specified in RCW 70.164.020(4), who;~~ (A) (B) provides documentation of disability from the Social Security Administration of the federal government; (B) (C) qualifies for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (i) RCW 46.19.010(a)-(j); (C) (D) demonstrates through documentation from a qualified medical professional that he or she has a disability identified in RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (i) RCW 46.19.010(a)-(j); or (D) (E) qualifies as a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020.

“Low-income senior citizen” means a person who is 65 years of age or older with a combined household income at or below 40 percent of the state median income for the Kittitas County Micropolitan Statistical Area.

“Nonprofit agencies serving the disadvantaged” means agencies with a 501(c)3 tax exempt designation from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a majority of whose clients/customers: (A) qualify for the low-income senior citizen rate, (B) are persons with disabilities of the types recognized by the city for determining eligibility for the low-income disabled citizen rate, regardless of their actual income level, or (C) are persons from families determined to be low income as defined by the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

“Power factor” or “PF” means the ratio of the real power to the apparent power, and is a number between zero and one. “Real power” is the capacity of the circuit for performing work in a particular time. “Apparent power” is the product of the current and voltage of the circuit.

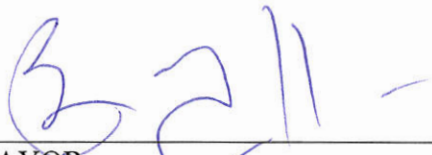
“Purchased gas cost adjustment” means the average cost of gas per ccf paid by the city (including current city and state taxes per ccf) the month prior to the billing month. [Ord. 4571 § 1, 2010; Ord. 4555 § 1, 2009; Ord. 4503 § 2, 2007.]

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication.

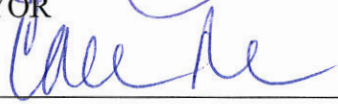
The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council

on the 19th day of August, 2013.



MAYOR

Attest:



CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



CITY ATTORNEY

Publish: 8-22-13

I, Coreen M. Reno, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4650 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number as the same was passed by said Council, and that Ordinance No. 4650 was published as required by law.



COREEN M. RENO, CMC