



LOW-INCOME SENIOR & DISABLED CITIZEN SPECIAL UTILITY RATES

2020 APPLICATION

Name _____ Social Security ____ - ____ - _____

Residence Address _____ Phone No. _____ Email _____

Do you have a utility account? If yes, list is your Utility Account No. _____ - _____

A bit more about you:

I am the owner ___ renter ___ of my place of residence.	I am or exceed 65 years of age. YES ___ NO ___
I reside in federally subsidized housing. YES ___ NO ___	Total people in my household, including me is _____.

If disabled, my disability is marked below and I have attached: (1) documentation of disability from the Social Security Administration, (2) a copy of the special parking privilege card issued by the department of licensing, or (3) other documentation from a qualified medical professional of the following marked disability.

- ___ a. Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.
- ___ b. Severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
- ___ c. Is so severely disabled, that cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device.
- ___ d. Use portable oxygen.
- ___ e. Restricted by lung disease to such an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by spirometry is less than one liter per second or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest.
- ___ f. Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as class III or IV under standards accepted by the American Heart Association.
- ___ g. Is disabled resulting from acute sensitivity to automobile emissions which limits or impairs the ability to walk.
- ___ h. Has no vision, or vision with corrective lenses that is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activities for which eyesight is essential, or an eye condition of a progressive nature which may lead to blindness.

Social Security & Railroad	\$
Pension, Annuities, Disability Payments & Wages	\$
Interest, Dividends, & Investment Income	\$
All Other Income (Define)	\$
TOTAL COMBINED INCOME FOR 2019	\$

AFFIDAVIT: I hereby swear under penalties of perjury that I understand the questions on the application and that all of the statements, as marked, are true.

Applicant's Signature (Do Not Print) _____ Date signed _____

This claim is subject to audit by the City of Ellensburg. A random verification of income will be made.

For office use only –

Weatherization Status from Energy Services Complete _____ Incomplete _____

Weatherization Projects In-Progress Yes _____ No _____ Verified by Clerk _____



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INFORMATION

FILING PERIOD. Applications for low-income utility rate discounts are accepted year round. Applications received before November 1st are considered for the upcoming calendar year's discount. Low-income discounts are awarded for two years. Applicants who are eligible to receive the discount must re-apply every other year to continue their discount.

SIGNING CLAIM. The claim may be signed by the person entitled to the special rate or by his or her attorney-in-fact.

AUDIT. A verification of your income may be made by the City. Proof of income should be kept until the December 31st following your filing date.

DISABILITY QUALIFICATIONS. Qualifications are specified in RCW 46.19.010 and RCW 74.18.020.

INCOME REQUIREMENTS. Combined household income at or below 125 percent of the federally established poverty level is:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>2019 Annual Income at or below</u>
1	\$15,612
2	\$21,137
3	\$26,662
4	\$32,375
5	\$37,712
6	\$43,237
7	\$39,010
8	\$54,287

(For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,525 for each additional person.)



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Starting 2014 to help minimize the subsidies that are provided by all other ratepayers' customers will be required to participate in energy efficiency programs, which are available at no charge. Residences with incomplete Energy Efficiency measures will have one year or until January 1, 2015 to install them to remain eligible for the discounted rate. Energy efficiency upgrades are available at no cost to Ellensburg's Low Income Senior & Low Income Disabled utility customers. Energy Services staff will determine what upgrades have or need to be completed to maintain eligibility to receive utility discounts after January 1, 2015.

Excerpts from Ellensburg City Code describing qualifications follow:

9.30.020 "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 senior citizen" means a person who is 65 years of age or older with a combined household income at or below 125 percent of the federally established poverty level

"Low-income disabled citizen" means a person who: (A) has a combined household income at or below 125 percent of the federally established poverty level; (B) provides documentation of disability from the Social Security Administration of the federal government; (C) qualifies for special parking privileges under RCW 46.19 .010(a) through (j); (D) demonstrates through documentation from a qualified medical professional that he or she has a disability identified in RCW 46.19.010(a) through (j); or (E) qualifies as a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020.

9.91.100/200 Low-Income Senior or Low Income Disabled Citizen Rates E-130/G130.

1. Availability. This rate is available for residential service to individuals who meet the definition of low-income senior citizen or low-income disabled citizen, who do not reside in federally subsidized housing and who agree to participate in energy conservation programs that are available at no charge. The rates established by this section will be published by the public works and utilities department on the city's website, and be made available from the city's finance department.

Failure to participate in an available energy conservation program after receipt of a utility discount shall constitute a basis for denial by the city of continued participation in the utility discount program beginning January 1, 2015, and until such conservation measures are installed. The customer may submit a written request, on a form provided by the city, identifying the reasons they should be exempt from participation in available conservation programs, which request is subject to approval or denial by the public works and utilities director.

If you have any questions, please contact City Utilities at 501 N Anderson or telephone (509) 962-7201.

RCW 46.19.010 SPECIAL PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Criteria for natural persons — Application — Identification cards, placards, and license plates.



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- (1) A natural person who has a disability that meets one of the following criteria may apply for special parking privileges:
- (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;
 - (b) Is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
 - (c) Has such a severe disability that the person cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
 - (d) Uses portable oxygen;
 - (e) Is restricted by lung disease to an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter per second or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest;
 - (f) Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as class III or IV under standards accepted by the American heart association;
 - (g) Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to automobile emissions that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The personal physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant of the applicant shall document that the disability is comparable in severity to the others listed in this subsection;
 - (h) Has limited mobility and has no vision or whose vision with corrective lenses is so limited that the person requires alternative methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily done with sight by persons with normal vision;
 - (i) Has an eye condition of a progressive nature that may lead to blindness; or
 - (j) Is restricted by a form of porphyria to the extent that the applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to light.

RCW 74.18.020 DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

- (4) "Blind person" means a person who: (a) Has no vision or whose vision with corrective lenses is so limited that the individual requires alternative methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily done with sight by individuals with normal vision; (b) has an eye condition of a progressive nature which may lead to blindness; or (c) is blind for purposes of the business enterprise program as set forth in RCW 74.18.200 through 74.18.230 in accordance with requirements of the Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936.