

ORDINANCE NO. 82

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A UTILITY TAX REFUND FOR
SENIORS OR DISABLED PERSONS WHO MEET LOW INCOME
CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
THEREOF.**

Whereas, City Ordinance No. 78 established a utility tax, and

Whereas, Council wishes to provide senior or disabled persons who meet low income criteria with a method for obtaining a refund as a credit for payment of utility taxes; now therefore:

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,
WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Definitions. The words, phrases and terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meanings:

- A. Low income means a household earning less than thirty percent of median income as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as verified by Pierce County Department of Social Services through the Community Development Block Grant regulations, as amended annually.
- B. Household means a single service address such as house or apartment number, regardless of the number of persons living at the service address.
- C. Senior citizen means a person 62 years of age or older.
- D. Disabled person means a person retired from regular gainful employment by reason of a physical or mental disability. Physical or mental disability means the condition of being disabled, resulting in the inability to pursue an occupation because of physical or mental impairment. A doctor's signed statement constitutes proof of such disability and shall be required before the exemption may be granted. This statement shall indicate the expected period or term of the disability.

Section 2. Refund Application Procedures.

- A. Eligible senior or disabled persons who meet low income criteria shall apply each year by June 30th to City Hall for a refund as a credit for payment of utility tax paid during the preceding year.
- B. Each applicant will be asked to sign a sworn statement that his or her household's income meets the refund program's low income criteria.


C. To establish eligibility, seniors must bring a driver's license or birth certificate as proof of age and disabled persons must bring a signed doctor's statement.)

Section 3. Refund Amounts: All eligible households will be entitled to an annual refund of ten dollars.

Section 4. Refund Period: Refunds shall be calculated for that period of the preceding calendar year during which the utility tax was assessed.

Section 5. Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 4, 1996


Stanley L.K. Flemming, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

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