

ORDINANCE NO. 649

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING SECTIONS 4.35.210, 4.35.220, 4.35.230 AND 4.35.240 OF CHAPTER 4.35, UTILITY TAX, OF THE UNIVERSITY PLACE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of University Place is not a direct provider of utility services, and

WHEREAS, utility service providers operating in the City provide senior and low income rates and programs, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4.35, Utility Tax, of the University Place Municipal Code established a utility tax refund which is duplicative of the programs already provided by utility providers; and

WHEREAS, the utility tax refund program is limited to a very small maximum refund per qualifying person, and is very difficult to administer, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to repeal the utility tax refund program beginning with refunds for the tax year 2014;

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

Section 1. Repealing Sections 4.35.210, 4.35.220, 4.35.230 and 4.35.240. Sections 4.35.210, Definitions; 4.35.220, Refund Application Procedures; 4.35.230, Refund Amounts; and 4.35.240, Refund Period to the University Place Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any cause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the city. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015.**

  
Denise McCluskey, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Emelita Genetia, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Steve Victor, City Attorney

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