

**SILVER LAKE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 826**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SILVER LAKE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.05, ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", OF THE DISTRICT CODE**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.08.014 provides certain powers to the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District's Board of Commissioners ("District") to adjust or delay the water and sewer service rates for low income senior citizens and low income disabled persons (senior/disabled); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 724 establishing a Low Income Senior Rate for water and sewer charges on March 24, 2016 which expanded the program to include applicants with permanent disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2022, staff reported to the Board of Commissioners a customer's request to include the applicant's minor child(ren) within the residence as a person with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners also reviewed the financial costs of the current Low Income Senior/Disabled Rate Program, including the growth in the number of customers receiving the low income senior or disabled rates and the annual costs of providing low income senior or disabled rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners directs District staff to maintain future criteria for the District's Low Income Senior/Disabled Rate Program at the same criteria as the Snohomish County Low Income Property Tax Program; and

**WHEREAS**, lower rates to customers who qualify for the District's Low Income Senior/Disabled Rate Program should help such customers continue to live independent lives and contribute to the Silver Lake community; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District, Snohomish County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1:** Chapter 9.05.060, Subsection (1), of the District's Code, entitled "Definitions" and Subsection (3), entitled "Qualifying Annual Low Income", as set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

**Section 2:** This resolution shall be effective on April 15, 2022.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting of the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District, Snohomish County, Washington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
President and Commissioner

  
Vice President and Commissioner

  
Secretary and Commissioner

**I CERTIFY** the above to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 826 adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, as said Resolution appears in the records of the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District.

  
Secretary of the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District

## **EXHIBIT 1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 826**

### **Chapter 9.05 Rates and Charges**

Amended Chapter 9.05.060 Subsection (1) and subsection (3)

#### **9.05.060**

##### **Low-income Senior/Disabled Rates.**

(1) *Definitions.* For the purpose of determining eligibility, the following definitions apply unless otherwise provided for:

“Disabled person” means person who is receiving permanent supplemental security income (SSI), Social Security disability insurance (SSDI), veteran disability compensation (VDC), non-grant medical assistance (NGMA), receiving permanent disability insurance benefits, or qualifies for state permanent disability benefits or qualification for other institutional or governmental programs that provide a determination of a disability that is permanent in nature. The general manager may review additional information or records supplied by an applicant that documents the applicant’s ability to qualify for the aforementioned programs.

“Disabled minor child” means person under eighteen years old who is child or under the guardianship of the adult applicant who is receiving permanent supplemental security income (SSI), Social Security disability insurance (SSDI), non-grant medical assistance (NGMA), receiving permanent disability insurance benefits, or qualifies for state permanent disability benefits or qualification for other institutional or governmental programs that provide a determination of a disability that is permanent in nature.

“Full-time resident” means a person, or persons, who reside at the property for which the water and sewer service is provided.

“Low-income senior/disabled rate applicant” means a person who has submitted a completed low-income senior/disabled rate application including any supporting documentation requested by the district to determine their eligibility for the discounted water and sewer rates. The applicant must either be the property owner or property renter.

“Low-income senior/disabled rate application” means a form developed by the general manager or designee, to review the status, qualifications, and residency of a low-income senior/disabled rate applicant.

“Property owner” means person or legal entity that owns and resides at the property for which the water and sewer service is provided.

“Property renter” means person or legal entity that rents and resides at the property for which the water and sewer service is provided.

“Qualifying low income” means the gross income adopted by the board of commissioners to qualify a low-income senior/disabled rate applicant for the discounted water and sewer rates.

“Senior citizen,” for the purposes of this section, means a person who is 61 years of age or older at the time of their application for low-income rates.

(3) *Qualifying Annual Low Income.* The low-income senior/disabled rate applicant must have an annual gross household income of less than \$55,743 per year to qualify for the low-income senior/disabled rate program. The general manager shall have the authority to change the qualifying low-income threshold based on changes adopted by Snohomish County for qualification for the low-income senior/disabled rate property tax program.