

RESOLUTION 2008-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN SEWER DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Resolution 2002-6 established a low-income senior citizen sewer discount program on 18 March 2002; and

WHEREAS, the program was originally established due to hardships created for elderly residents on fixed low incomes by escalating rates by the new wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, based upon changes in the accounting system the resolution should be adjusted to account for new and better administration; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARIBALDI RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby established a Low-Income Senior Citizen Sewer Discount program.

Section 2. The "discount" shall be spread out over twelve months starting 1 July.

Section 3. Persons requesting the discount must make application therefore each year, on forms provided for the purpose by the City. Applications will be accepted at the City Hall administrative offices from 1 February through 15 April of each year, beginning 1 February 2008.

Section 4. To be eligible for the discount, an applicant must:

- (a) be 65 years of age or older;
- (b) be living on the premises for which the discount is requested;
- (c) be the "customer" identified on the Application for Utility Service as the person to whom the City utility bills are sent and who is responsible for their payment;
- (d) meet the income test described in Section 5 hereof.

Section 5. To be eligible for the discount, the adjusted gross income of the household—i.e. all the income of all the persons over 16 years of age living on the premises—must be at or less than 60% of the median household income figures for Tillamook County provided by Community Action Resources Enterprises (CARE) Inc., to wit:

<i>TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD</i>	<i>INCOME THRESHOLD</i>
1	\$ 17,150
2	19,600
3	22,050
4	24,500
5	26,450
6	28,400
7	30,400
8	32,350

The City Administrator or his or her designee shall obtain from each applicant such proof of household income and other standards described in Sections 4 and 5 hereof as the City Administrator considers reasonable to determine eligibility.

Section 6. It is the intent of the City Council that funds to pay the discounts hereunder shall come from donations solicited by or on behalf of the City specifically for the purpose. That

notwithstanding, the Council is not precluded from making available by resolution City funds for the purpose, provided that doing so does not impair the operation or debt service of the wastewater system.

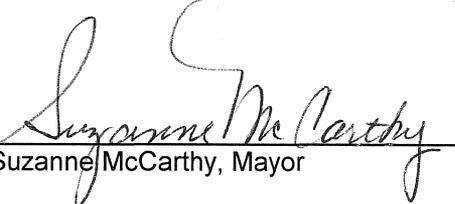
Section 7. Donations made to the program are not considered income to the City and shall be entered into a current liability account until such time funds are applied to specific sewer utility accounts. Interest accrued from the liability account shall be applied to sewer accounts as well following procedures set forth in this resolution.

Section 8. The amount of the monthly credit to be applied to qualifying applicants' sewer bills shall be determined each year, at or shortly after 15 April, by dividing the total number of qualifying applicants into the total amount of monies specifically dedicated to the discount program since the previous disbursement therefrom and applying that amount equally to the sewer bill of each qualifying applicant. Adjustments to this methodology may be made administratively to ensure the program's solvency.

Section 9. Because the income standards for eligibility are subject to change on an annual basis as revised income figures are made available by the State of Oregon, an applicant for the discount must apply again the following year in order to be considered for the discount that following year.

Section 10. Resolution 2002-06 is hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this 22nd day of January, 2008.



Hon. Suzanne McCarthy, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin M. Greenwood, City Administrator