

**HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT  
King County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION 13-4-23A**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT CODE (HWDC), CHAPTER 6.04 RATES, SECTION 6.04.020 WATER/MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHAPTER 6.06 RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW-INCOME DISABLED PERSONS, SECTION 6.06.020 CRITERIA FOR WATER RATE REDUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, per RCW 57.08.005 (11), a District shall have the following powers: to fix rates and charges for water, sewer, reclaimed water, and drain service supplied and to charge property owners seeking to connect to the district's systems, as a condition to granting the right to so connect, in addition to the cost of the connection, such reasonable connection charge as the board of commissioners shall determine to be proper in order that those property owners shall bear their equitable share of the cost of the system; and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 1, 2013 Special Board meeting, the Board of Commissioners and staff discussed the results of a WASWD survey from 32 water/sewer purveyors that included their respective policies for authorizing Low-Income Senior Citizen and Low-Income Disabled Person discounts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners and staff determined it would be fair and equitable to the ratepayers to revise the District's existing policy to align with the household low-income threshold established by King County for property tax exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions to *Chapter 6.04 Rates, Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates* and *Chapter 6.06 Rate Reduction Program for Low-Income Senior Citizens and Low-Income Disabled Persons, Section 6.06.020 Criteria for Water Rate Reduction* are as follows:

**CHAPTER 6.04 RATES (Section 6.04.020 - Water / Miscellaneous Rates)**

<b>B. TABLE 2 - MONTHLY METER BASE RATES</b>						
<b>METER SIZE</b>	<b>WATER AVAILABLE (GPM)</b>	<b>CUSTOMER TYPE</b>				
		<b>SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>LOW-INCOME SR. CITIZEN &amp; LOW-INCOME DISABLED (DISCOUNTED)</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL &amp; MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>STAND BY FIRE</b>	<b>IRRIGATION</b>
5/8"	20	\$13.90	<del>\$9.90</del> \$9.04	\$21.14	N/A	\$21.14
3/4"	25	\$13.90	<del>\$9.90</del> \$9.04	\$21.14	N/A	\$21.14

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**CHAPTER 6.06 RATE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW-INCOME DISABLED PERSONS (Section 6.06.020 - Criteria for Water Rate Reduction)**

To qualify for the 35% meter base rate reduction, the customer must satisfy the following criteria:

- A. On the date the "Request for Water Rate Reduction" form is submitted to the District, the applicant must be at least 61 years of age, or be disabled, handicapped or incapacitated as defined in HWDC 6.06.040; and
- B. The applicant's total annual household income from all sources, including the total income of the applicant, spouse, and tenant(s) must be less than or equal to the household income level established by King County for property tax exemption.

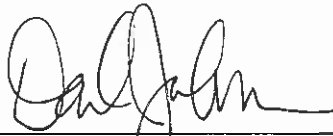
A customer who meets the criteria listed above shall fill out the "Request for Water Rate Reduction" form (REF 236) and submit to the Customer Service Department along with supporting documents. District staff will verify the applicant meets the criteria before approving the 35% meter base rate reduction. The District will periodically require the customers to provide supporting documents to verify they still meet the Low-Income Senior Citizen and Low-Income Disabled criteria. (See Procedure P6.06.010).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

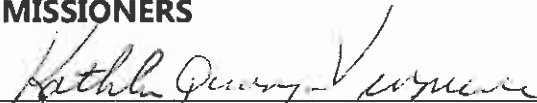
The Board of Commissioners authorizes the General Manager to amend Highline Water District Code (HWDC) *Chapter 6.04 Rates, Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates and Chapter 6.06 Rate Reduction Program for Low-Income Senior Citizens and Low-Income Disabled Persons, Section 6.06.020 Criteria for Water Rate Reduction*, as respectively referenced in this document and incorporated herein. The revisions will become effective July 1, 2013.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an Open Public Meeting held this **23rd** day of **April 2013**.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



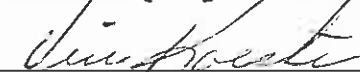
Daniel Johnson, President



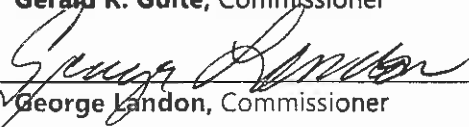
Kathleen Quong-Vermeire, Secretary



Gerald R. Guite, Commissioner



Vince Koester, Commissioner



George Landon, Commissioner

Agenda Item No.: 5.1

Agenda Date: 4/23/2013

Reviewed By: M.E.

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Highline Water District Code (HWDC), Chapter 6.04 Rates, Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates and Chapter 6.06 Rate Reduction Program for Low-Income Senior Citizens and Low-Income Disabled Persons, Section 6.06.020 Criteria for Water Rate Reduction

CATEGORY	
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Administrative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engineering/Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>

FINANCIAL			
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Budgeted?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount: \$ _____ Plus WSST			

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 13-4-23A

**COMMENTS:**

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