

City of Poulsbo

Discounted Rates for Citizens with Low Income



The City of Poulsbo offers reduced fees and rates for citizens with low incomes. Rates for City utilities are designated in (Poulsbo Municipal Code) PMC 3.12.100, 8.16, 13.70, and gravesites in the City Cemetery in 3.12.040(A).

WHO MAY QUALIFY:

- **Senior Citizen** — A person who is sixty-two (62) years of age or older.
- **Disabled Citizen** — (1) A person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.19.010(1)(a-j); (2) a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18020; or (3) a disabled, handicapped or incapacitated person as defined under any other state or federal program.
- **Low Income** — A Disabled Citizen(s) **or** a Senior Citizen whose total household annual income does not exceed \$48,000 for 2024. The income threshold shall be adjusted by the same percentage as the annual rate adjustments in accordance with the PMC.
- **Household Income** — Includes all salary, wages, interest, dividends, and other earnings which are reportable for federal income tax purposes, **and** cash payments such as reimbursement received from pensions, annuities, social security, and public assistance programs. Also included in income are any contributions received from any family member or other person who is living in the same residence as the applicant applying for reduced utility rates and who is helping defray such applicant's living costs.
- **City of Poulsbo Citizen** — Lives in a residence within the City limits. For a utility discount the residence is also served directly by City utilities and the applicant pays the utility bill directly to the City of Poulsbo. Eligibility for a tenant to receive this reduced rate requires the City must bill the tenant directly. This requires the property owner submit a completed Utility Billing Authorization Application.

FILING PERIOD:

The application for the discounted rate may be filed with the City of Poulsbo at any time to initiate. To remain eligible for the low-income qualification, an applicant must provide verification of eligibility to the City by recertifying annually. Renewal notices are mailed to current applicants by the City each year. If the applicant moves from the residence or an additional person(s) moves into the household, you must notify the City immediately.

DISCOUNTED RATES:

Residential Utility Rate for Low Income Senior Citizen or Low-Income Disabled Citizen:

Winter Water rate (November to May): \$13.65 plus \$2.73 per HCF*

Winter Sewer rate (November to May): \$32.01 plus \$8.86 per HCF after 4HCF

Summer Water rate (June to October): \$13.65 plus \$2.73 per HCF up to 10 HCF
\$4.26 per HCF above 10 HCF

Summer Sewer rate (June to October): Same per 100 cubic feet as the winter rate, with the cubic feet calculated on the average water flow of the previous seven months.

*HCF = 100 cubic feet = 748.5 gallons

Storm Drain rate: \$13.62

Garbage rates: 20 gallon \$20.40
32 gallon \$23.46
64 gallon \$39.93

Cemetery Land Unit Rates:

Regular gravesite: \$200.00 or Cremains gravesite: \$100.00

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit the application with copies of the required documentation to the City's Finance Department by mail, email, or in person. *Applicants will be notified in writing of denial.*

For assistance, contact the Finance Department at 360-394-9881.