

# LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT CUSTOMER DONATION PLEDGE

In response to the need to continually increase utility service rates, the Garibaldi City Council established the Low Income Senior Citizen Sewer Discount Program in 2002. This program establishes a separate fund that is managed by the City for the purpose of subsidizing the wastewater charge for senior citizens whose income is lower than 60% of the median household income. Since its creation this program has helped qualifying senior citizens in Garibaldi by reducing the wastewater charge on their bill.

This program is funded through donations from community members like yourself. Each year the City acquires data from the state's Department of Human Services that identifies the low income threshold amounts for our area. Using these numbers the City then provides an application located in City Hall that is used to determine applicant eligibility. Upon qualifying, an applicant will receive a discount to their monthly wastewater charge. The amount of the annual discount is determined by staff, and is based on total donations and interest earned in the prior year. 100% of the donations and interest earned by those donations goes toward subsidizing the wastewater charges of those qualified applicants who receive the discount.

If you have an existing utility account you may have the City place a pledge amount on your utility bill each month for the amount that you wish to donate. This pledge will become part of the balance on your bill and will be identified on your bill as a donation. Please read the conditions of pledging a donation amount below. The City will send you a receipt in January each year for the total amount donated the prior calendar year.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important program. As member of our community the City would also like to encourage you to share this information with your friends and neighbors. Through the efforts of Garibaldi citizens like you this program will continue to help those in our community who need the small economic relief we can offer.

**Please add the following pledge amount to my utility bill each month,**

- \$0.50     \$1.00     \$2.00     \$5.00     \$10.00     \$20.00     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Utility Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Account: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conditions:** Pledges will be added to a customer's bill each month and will become part of the total amount due each month. Pledges will reoccur each month at the above amount until the City is notified by the customer to make a change. A customer who wishes to have their pledge removed from their utility bill will need to contact City Hall. Only unfulfilled (unpaid) pledge amounts can be removed from a customer's account. The City reserves the right to remove a customer's pledge from their utility bill at any time prior to its fulfillment; and may do so if a customer's account becomes delinquent. Once a pledge has been fulfilled it may not be reimbursed or re-credited to another utility charge. By signing this form the customer agrees to these conditions and acknowledges that the above pledge amount will be added to their bill each month beginning with the first billing cycle after the City's receipt of a complete pledge form. **All amounts received by the City from pledged donations will go towards the Low Income Senior Citizen Sewer Discount Program.**

Signed (*Account holder only please*): \_\_\_\_\_