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CITY OF SANDPOINT OFFERS UTILITY DISCOUNTS TO ELIGIBLE SENIORS

Sandpoint –Eligible senior citizens living in the City of Sandpoint may qualify for a 40% discount of their monthly utility rates through the City of Sandpoint Senior Citizens Reduced Utility Bill (SCRUB) Program. Applications are available through the City Clerk’s Office. Eligible applicants must be at over the age of 65 and meet maximum gross monthly income allowed by the current Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), multiplied by 12. This year, the maximum annual income allowed is \$15,312 for a one-person household or \$20,712 for a two-person household. An application and proof of income must be presented each year on or before May 31st to re-certify program eligibility.

Applicants must provide proof of their age and proof of income. Proof of income includes copies of the applicant’s most recent income tax return, most recent Social Security check, or a statement directly from Social Security for all members of the household. Only one person in the household is required to be over the age of 65 if all income requirements are met for the household. This program is only available for the primary personal residence of the applicant.

The SCRUB Program originated in 1977 by City Council resolution offering a discount to those with an annual income of \$3,000 or less. The maximum income requirement has increased over the years. The most recent resolution was adopted by City Council in September, 2013, after the same income threshold had been in place for nearly 15 years. Under that resolution, income threshold requirements may adjust annually to reflect the maximum gross monthly income allowed by the current Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The City Clerk’s Office is located on 1123 Lake Street. For further information, please contact the Clerk’s Office at (208) 263-3317.

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