## CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

## ORDINANCE NO. 2147

AN ORDINANCE granting relief from the City's Utility Occupation Tax to certain senior citizens, specifying the requirements to be entitled to said relief and empowering the Department of Finance to make rules and regulations to implement said relief.

WHEREAS, because of increased costs of living there is a need to relieve certain senior citizens of the City of Bellevue from the effect of the City's Utility Occupation Tax, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bellevue desires to assist senior citizen's who receive fixed limited incomes, and therefore, suffer severely from increased costs of living, now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby granted relief to senior citizens, who meet the qualifications and requirements of sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance, from the Utility Occupation Tax of the City of Bellevue (City Code chapter 5.62, Ordinance No. 1989, as amended by Ordinance No. 2017) as follows:

- a. For all billings paid by the senior citizen after January 1, 1975 for service charges to any organization which paid the Utility Occupation Tax of the City of Bellevue, the City of Bellevue shall reimburse said senior citizen for the said Utility Tax which applied to said billings.
- b. The minimum relief under this Ordinance is hereby established to be at the rate of \$20.00 per year prorated for each month of residency in the City of Bellevue.
- Section 2. Qualifications To qualify for the relief set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance, a senior citizen shall:
  - a. Be 65 years of age or older on the first day of the year to which the billings apply.
  - b. Have an income, from all sources whatsoever, not to exceed \$4,000.00 per year, if a single person; or, a combined income of husband and wife, from all sources whatsoever, not to exceed \$6,000.00 per year, if a married person.

## Section 3. Requirements

- a. All claims for relief under this Ordinance must be made annually and filed with the Department of Finance of the City of Bellevue during the first 60 days of the year following the year in which the billings were paid by the senior citizen.
- b. All billings for which claim is made under this Ordinance must be submitted to the Department of Finance as part of the claim for relief. Provided However, if the senior citizen is willing to accept the minimum relief set forth in section 1 (b) of this Ordinance, then the said billings for which claim is made need not be submitted to the Department of Finance.

c. All claims for relief shall be submitted to the Department of Finance in writing on a form provided by said department and certified by the claimant.

d. The Department of Finance of the City shall publish rules and regulations to implement this Ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage, approval and legal publication.

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Richard M. Foreman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Patricia K. Weber, City Clerk

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