

Mapleton City Council Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 3, 2014

Prepared by: Cory Branch

Applicant: Mapleton City

ACTION ITEM:

Consideration of a Resolution approving a senior citizen waiver for the \$400 pressurized irrigation connection fee due to a financial hardship.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. During the month of May the City held two (2) Public Open Houses to help address the water changes, usage history, past bills and potential future costs, etc.
2. One concern that was raised by many of the senior residents related to the \$400 fee to connect to the pressurized irrigation system.
3. In an effort to help mitigate the concerns raised at the open house staff is requesting the City Council consider a waiver to the \$400 connection fee for a qualifying senior as defined in Exhibit "A".
4. As can be seen from Exhibit "A", a qualifying senior is defined as a single individual or married couple 62 years of age or older whose annual adjusted gross income is less than \$32,100. This income level was determined by the 2014 income limits established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS:

If this item is approved should a waiver also be granted to qualifying seniors who have already connected to the pressurized irrigation system and paid the \$400 connection fee in the past?

ATTACHMENT:

Exhibit "A" - Senior Citizen \$400 Connection Fee Waiver

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAPLETON CITY COUNCIL (MCC) ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZEN CONNECTION FEE WAIVER FOR THE PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Whereas, On April 1, 2014 MCC approved a Resolution amending the schedule of water rates for culinary and pressurized irrigation water; and

Whereas, the City Administrator is recommending that the City Council consider a waiver to the \$400 connection fee for any qualifying senior as described in Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Mapleton, Utah, adopts a resolution establishing a Senior Citizen Connection Fee Waiver for the Pressurized Irrigation System as described in Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MAPLETON, UTAH,

This 3rd Day of June, 2014

Brian Wall
Mayor

ATTEST:

Camille Brown
City Recorder

Exhibit "A"

**Senior Citizen
\$400 Connection Fee Waiver**

Mapleton City recognizes the need for exceptions to the pressurized irrigation \$400 connection fee due to possible financial hardships. This waiver applies only to the pressurized irrigation users and not the culinary water users. Individuals need not apply until the time they connect to the pressurized irrigation system.

A qualifying senior is defined as a single individual or married couple 62 years of age or older whose annual adjusted gross income is less than \$32,100. Adjusted gross income is defined as gross income (wages, interest, dividend, capital gains/losses, etc.) minus adjustments to income (IRA contributions, alimony paid, etc.). Adjusted gross income is found on the following tax forms: Form 1040EZ, Line 4; Form 1040A Line 21; and Form 1040, Line 37. To apply, qualifying senior (or their representative) must complete the following written application and submit to: Mapleton City, Attn: Utility Billing Department, 125 West 400 North, Mapleton, UT 84664, which includes a copy of the above referenced recent tax form and a copy of your Driver's license, State ID card or birth certificate. If the city determines the senior meets the requirements, the Mapleton City Utility Billing Department will waive the required pressurized irrigation connection fee.

To be completed by applicant

Applicant's Full Name _____

Property Address _____ Phone number _____

Attach a copy of your Driver's license, State ID Card or birth certificate

Date of Birth _____

Attach a copy of most recent Tax Form 1040 or Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ.

Your annual qualifying income _____

Signature _____ Date signed _____

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Office use only

DATE WAIVER ISSUED: _____ ISSUED BY: _____
ACCOUNT NO. _____