ORDINANCE NO. 14-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
REVISING CHAPTER 9 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO
INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND
DISABLED CITIZENS ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN INCOME
BASED UTILITY USERS TAX REFUNDS AND/OR SERVICES
DISCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 03-13 was passed, approved and adopted by
the Inglewood City Council on September 9, 2003, adding Article 9 to Chapter 9 of the
Inglewood Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, that ordinance allowed senior citizens and disabled citizens to be
eligible for certain utility users tax refunds and/or monthly service fee discounts if their
gross annual income did not exceed sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000); and

WHEREAS, the gross annual income limit set in 2003 has not been increased to
account for changes in cost of living or inflation for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens and disabled citizens who have low income are
ineligible for the aforementioned refunds and/or discounts unless the gross annual
income limit is increased;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Inglewood Municipal Code sections 9-88.0, 9-88.1, 9-88.2, 9-
88.3, 9-88.4, 9-88.5, 9-88.6 and 9-88.7 are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced
as follows:

The Utility Users Tax imposed by this Article on charges made for telephone,
electricity, gas, water and video services to the personal residence of a senior citizen
may be subject to refund following payment, provided that the gross annual income of
the senior citizen’s household does not exceed the maximum amount set by resolution
of the City Council.

A. Definition.

As used in this section, the term “senior citizen” shall mean any person whose
residence is located in the City of Inglewood and who is sixty-two years of age or older
on or before December 31st of the calendar year for which the tax refund is claimed.

B. Application Procedure.

Eligible senior citizens may apply for a refund of taxes paid during a particular
calendar year by duly completing an application form provided by the Finance
Department. Each application shall contain a declaration under penalty of perjury as to
the truthfulness of the following:

(a) Name and address of the applicant and all other adults residing with the
applicant during the entire period subject to the Utility Users Tax;

(b) Birth date of the applicant establishing senior citizen status;

(c) Amount of utility users taxes paid each month of the calendar year period;

(d) The source and amount of all income received by applicant and all other
adults living with the applicant during the entire period for which the refund is claimed;

and

(e) Such other information or data (including income tax returns) as may be
required by the Finance Director.

C. Filing Period.

Applications for a tax refund shall be submitted to the Finance Director from
January 1st to December 31st of calendar year immediately following the calendar year
for which the refund is claimed.

D. Determination of Application.
The Finance Director shall within 60 days after receipt of an application grant, grant in part, or deny the application based upon the eligibility requirements set forth in this section.

Section 9-88.1. Refuse Collection and Water Services Fee Discount For Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens.

The monthly service fee for refuse collection and water services shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) for senior citizens and disabled citizens, provided that such citizen’s household does not exceed the gross annual income limit set by resolution of the City Council. The discount may be effective for all or part of a fiscal year beginning on July 1st and ending on 30th of the following year.

In the event one or more person’s in a household are eligible for this discount, that person’s household shall be limited to a ten percent (10%) discount of the monthly service fee.

A. Definitions.

(a) As used in this section, the term “senior citizen” shall mean any person whose residence is located in the City of Inglewood and who is sixty-two years of age or older when the person submits an application for a discount.

(b) As used in this section, the term “disabled citizen” shall mean any adult residing in the City of Inglewood who is suffering from any of the following conditions or disorders for a period of not less than twelve (12) months at the time the application for a discount is submitted: (1) An orthopedic disability impairing physical mobility; (2) A physical disability which requires a person to have special care or facilities at home; or (3) A developmental or mental disorder which affects a person’s ability to obtain employment.

B. Application Procedure.

Applications shall be submitted on forms provided by the Finance Director. Each application shall contain a declaration under penalty of perjury as to the truthfulness of the following:
(a) Name and address of the applicant claiming the discount;
(b) Birth date of the applicant;
(c) Verification of disability, which may include the completion of a form by
the applicant’s physician certifying to the applicant’s disability;
(d) The source and amount of all income received by applicant and all other
adults living with the applicant or expected to live with the applicant during the fiscal
year for which the discount is claimed;
(e) Such other information (including income tax returns) as may be required
by the Finance Director.

C. Filing Period and Effective Date of Discount.

Applications for a discount for a particular fiscal year may be filed no earlier
than June 1 of the preceding fiscal year. The discount shall become effective the first
full month following approval of the application and each succeeding month of the
fiscal year for which the discount is granted. All discounts granted shall expire on June
30th of the fiscal year, subject to re-application for the following fiscal year pursuant to
the procedures set forth in this section.

D. Determination of Application.

The Finance Director shall within 60 days after receipt of an application either
grant or deny the application based upon the eligibility requirements set forth in this
section.”

SECTION 2. Inglewood Municipal Code section 9-344 is hereby deleted in its
entirety and replaced as follows:

“Section 9-344. Communication Users’ Tax Refund for Low Income Senior
Citizens.

The Communication Users’ Tax imposed by this Article on charges made for
such services to the personal residence of a senior citizen shall be subject to a refund
following payment, provided that the gross annual income of the senior citizen’s
household does not exceed the maximum amount set by resolution of the City Council.
The tax refund authorized by this section is subject to all of the eligibility requirements and application procedures set forth in section 9-88, Utility Users Tax Refund For Low Income Senior Citizens.”

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The City of Inglewood hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the approval, passage and adoption of this Ordinance by the City Council and shall cause the same to be published in accordance with the City Charter; and thirty days from the final passage and adoption, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2014.

JAMES T. BUTTS, JR

James T. Butts, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

YVONNE HORTON

Yvonne Horton, City Clerk