

INFORMATION ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Staff

SUBJECT: Revised Income Eligibility Limits for Utility User's Tax Exemption Program

Introduction

This is to advise the City Council of FY2005-06 income eligibility limits for the Utility User's Tax (UUT) Exemption Program.

Background

Section 6.72.150 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code provides for special exemptions from the UUT for qualifying low-income persons sixty-two years of age or older or persons with disabilities who meet the criteria as established by the Social Security Administration's supplemental security income program for the aged, blind and disabled.

To qualify for the exemption, individuals must have an annual gross household income that does not exceed specified levels. The income is based on the person's annual gross household income and the maximum income amount allowable is revised each year based on the change in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the previous calendar year, as adopted by City Council in Resolution No. 7493 (CCS).

Individuals who wish to apply for the UUT exemption may do so at the Senior Recreation Center at 1450 Ocean Avenue, Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Revised Income Eligibility Limits

Pursuant to Council Resolution No. 7493 (CCS), the new income eligibility limits for the Senior Citizens Utility Users Tax Exemption Program in FY 2005-06 are:

- a. \$23,227 annual gross income for single person households.
- b. \$26,617 annual gross income for two or more person households.

These new eligibility limits went into effect July 1, 2005.

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