

Screen Reader Users: Make sure settings include reading strikethrough and underline font attributes.

Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 121222 – Utility Discount Program Phased Eligibility Increase

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Modifying effective dates and requesting annual reporting

Effect: This amendment would modify the effective date for the Utility Discount Program (UDP) eligibility threshold change from April 1, 2027 to January 1, 2027. It would also move the intended dates for further UDP threshold changes from April to January in 2028 and 2029. Lastly, the amendment would add a new section requesting Executive departments to issue annual reports on UDP participation rates and efforts to increase participation.

1. Amend Section 3 of CB 121222 as follows:

Section 3. The City Council intends to consider legislation in 2027 to extend Utility Discount Program benefits to households with incomes up to 70 percent of area median income by ~~April 1, 2028~~ January 1, 2028, and to households with incomes up to 80 percent of area median income by ~~April 1, 2029~~ January 1, 2029. The City Council desires to collaborate with the Mayor and Executive departments to determine whether to tier Utility Discount Program benefits for households at income levels above 60 percent.

2. Amend Section 4 of CB 121222 as follows:

Section 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall take effect on ~~April 1, 2027~~ January 1, 2027.

3. Add a new Section 4 to CB 121222 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 4. The City Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities, in coordination with Seattle City Light and the Human Services Department, publish an annual report on Utility Discount Program participation rates and departmental

Brian Goodnight/Eric McConaghy
Governance and Utilities Committee
July 9, 2026
D1

efforts during the previous calendar year to increase program participation. The
annual reports should be published by April 1 of each year, beginning in 2027 and
ending in 2031.