

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING SITKA
GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 15.01. ENTITLED "ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES"
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15.01.090 ENTITLED "REBATE PROGRAM FOR
ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP HEATING SYSTEMS"**

FAILED on 1st READING 4-22-14

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code ("SGC").

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person or circumstance shall not be affected.

3. **PURPOSE.** The City and Borough of Sitka has reached maximum utilization of available hydroelectric generation. Consequently, supplemental diesel generation will be necessary to meet system requirements. Supplemental diesel generation is both expensive and produces harmful emissions. Re-enacting a rebate program to encourage residential consumers to replace electric resistance heat systems such as electric baseboard heaters, electric plug-in heaters, and electric boilers with electric heat pump heating systems. This has and will yield significant benefits in reducing system load, lessen the need for supplemental diesel generation, and lower the ratepayer's electric energy costs. Further, re-establishment of a rebate program demonstrates the City and Borough of Sitka's commitment to improve energy efficiency and promote energy conservation.

Various types of rebate programs have been offered by the State of Alaska and in other communities throughout the United States to reduce electrical costs and facilitate energy savings. Sitka successfully offered a program back in 2012. Currently, there are some funds available for this program.

4. **ENACTMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the SGC 15.01 is amended by adding a new Section 15.01.090 to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

**Chapter 15.01
ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES**

Sections:

- 15.01.005 Definitions.
- 15.01.010 Statement of purpose.

- 15.01.015 Construction guidelines.
- 15.01.020 Electrical rates.
- 15.01.025 Customer and city rights and responsibilities.
- 15.01.030 Billing—Credit—Deposits—Fees.
- 15.01.035 General requirements.
- 15.01.040 Service connections.
- 15.01.045 Line extension.
- 15.01.050 Subdivisions.
- 15.01.055 Mobile home parks, RV parks, private marinas and boat docks.
- 15.01.060 Rental structures.
- 15.01.065 Motors and controllers.
- 15.01.070 Undesirable characteristics.
- 15.01.075 Special equipment.
- 15.01.080 Customer generation.
- 15.01.085 Carrier current.
- 15.01.090 Rebate program for electric heat pump heating systems.

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15.01.090 Rebate program for electric heat pump heating systems.

- A. General Requirements. All residential customers are eligible to participate in the rebate program, subject to the rules and procedures developed by the Electric Department, and funding of the program.
- B. Eligible Equipment. Only the following products are eligible for the rebate program:
 - 1. Electric heat pump heating system that replaces an existing electric resistance heating systems, such as electric baseboard heaters, electric plug-in heaters, and electric boilers, if it is the primary heating source for the residence.
- C. Rebates. Residential customers requesting a rebate shall submit a signed rebate request using Electric Department forms within 60 days of the purchase of the rebate eligible product. Rebates will be issued within 60 days of receipt of the form to any eligible customers that meet the terms and conditions of the program.
- D. Disposal. Proper disposal of older less effective heaters and boilers must be documented to be eligible for the rebate program.

E. Funding. The rebate program is subject to available funding.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective the day after the day of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 12th day of May, 2014.

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk