

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING SITKA GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 15.01. ENTITLED "ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES" BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL DEFINITION IN SECTION 15.01.005 REGARDING "ENERGY STAR RATED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES" AND A NEW SECTION 15.01.090 ENTITLED "REBATE PROGRAM FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP HEATING SYSTEMS"

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. Enacting a rebate program to encourage residential consumers to replace old electric appliances with new energy efficient appliances, as well as electric resistance heat systems such as electric baseboard heaters, electric plug-in heaters, and electric boilers with electric heat pump heating systems. This will yield significant benefits in reducing system load, lessen the need for supplemental diesel generation, and lower the ratepayer's electric energy costs. Further, 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. 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 at Section 15.01.005 by adding a new definition and 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 electrical energy efficient appliances and electric heat pump heating systems.

15.01.005 Definitions.

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“Energy Star rated electric appliances” means a voluntary labeling program established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy, designed to identify and promote energy-efficient products.

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15.01.090 Rebate program for electrical energy efficient appliances and electric heat pump heating systems.

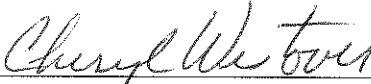
- A. General Requirements. All residential customers are eligible to participate in the rebate program, subject to the rules and procedures developed by the Electric Department, and funding of the program.
- B. Eligible Equipment. Only the following products are eligible for the rebate program:
 - 1. New Energy Star rated electric appliances that replace in the residence existing non-Energy Star rated electric hot water heaters, clothes washing machines, refrigerators, or freezers; and
 - 2. 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 old appliances 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 thirty days after the date of its passage. This ordinance will sunset on June 30, 2013 unless the Assembly repeals this sunset provision by passage of another ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 24th day of January, 2012.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, CMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk