CITY OF PHOENIX
PHOENIX, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 969

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 13 OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 13.17

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix ("City") has enacted a water supply system ordinance, codified in Title 13, governing the charges for water services and collection within City jurisdictional limits;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Phoenix ("City") recognizes individuals and families sometimes experience financial hardship;

WHEREAS, it is legislatively decided in the best interest to enact the following additional provisions to Title 13;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF PHOENIX ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 13.17

WATER RATE DISCOUNTS FOR EXTREME HARDHIP

Sections:

13.17.010 **Qualification for Discount.**
13.17.020 **Application.**
13.17.030 **Amount of Discount.**
13.17.040 **Unlawful acts-Penalties.**

13.17.010 – Qualification for Discount.

Any household being served by city water and with a combined, total income falling below 150% of the federal poverty level shall be considered eligible to apply for a water rate discount. Persons applying for a water rate discount must be the person who has signed up for the water service, a water customer of the city and the head of a household.

13.17.020 - Application.

Any person desiring to receive the water rate discount must be the occupant of the residence and must submit an application to the city on forms to be provided by the city. Subsequent to initial qualifications for utility discount, any person must reapply each year by the anniversary of the original application approval date. The finance department shall determine whether any applicant meets the qualifications and requirements for discount as set forth in this chapter.

13.17.030 – Amount of Discount.

The amount of discount for eligible persons, provided under this chapter, shall be fifty percent of the base rate for water service in Chapter 13.16.

13.17.040 – Unlawful acts -- Penalties.

It is unlawful for any person to make, assist in making or to derive the benefits from any false application for discounts provided under this chapter. In addition to other penalties provided by law, the city shall be entitled to recover from any person or persons receiving the benefit of discounts as a result of any false statement made in any application the amount therefore, including interest at the rate of nine percent per year from the date such discounts were granted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and signed by me in authentication of thereof on this 7th day of December, 2015.

Jeff Bellah, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janette Boothe, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

City Attorney