

ORDINANCE NO. 3151

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.24 TO INCREASE THE INCOME THRESHOLD TO QUALIFY FOR THE UTILITY USERS' TAX EXEMPTION

RECITALS

- A. A five percent (5%) utility users' tax is imposed on various utility services received by consumers in the City of Whittier.
- B. Currently, residential service users with gross annual incomes of \$29,550 or less may receive an exemption from paying the utility users' tax.
- C. City Council determined to increase the threshold for qualifying for the residential service user exemption to an annual gross household income not exceeding \$56,750 to track the Housing and Urban Development HUD very low income level for Los Angeles County in 2023.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because no possibility exists that the proposed ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 2. Section 3.24.110.A.2 of the Whittier Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.24.110 – Individual exemptions – Utility users' tax.

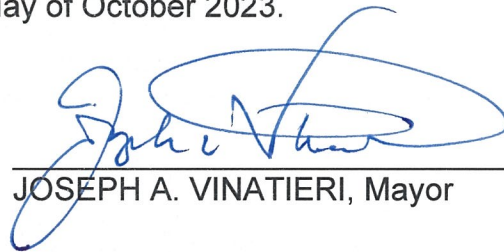
The combined gross income for all members of the family or household residing together with the applicant service user for the calendar year immediately preceding the date of filing of an application for such exemption was fifty-six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars or less.

SECTION 3. Any provision of the Whittier Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Whittier hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption and shall be published pursuant to law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2023.



JOSEPH A. VINATIERI, Mayor

ATTEST:



RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
(seal)

Date: October 12, 2023

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE NO. 3151 was introduced on the 26th day of September 2023, and was adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 10th day of October 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 Council Members: Vinatieri, Dutra, O. Martinez, J. Martinez
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Council Member: Warner



RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk
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