



Information Item

Date: November 10, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, Director of Finance
Subject: Revised Income Eligibility Limits for Senior Citizens Utility User's Tax Exemption Program

Introduction

This is to advise the City Council of FY 2016-17 income eligibility limits for the Senior Citizens Utility User's Tax (UUT) Exemption Program.

Background

Since 1976, the City has been providing assistance to low income senior citizens and disabled persons by allowing a rebate or refund of the City's Utility Users Taxes (UUT). The income eligibility limits for exemption from the UUT were adjusted periodically by City Council resolution. In September 1987, Council adopted Resolution No. 7493 (CCS), which revised the process for raising the income eligibility limits by directing that the limits be administratively adjusted each fiscal year by the December to December change in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

Discussion

Pursuant to Council Resolution No. 7493 (CCS), the new income eligibility limits for the Senior Citizens Utility Users Tax Exemption Program in FY 2016-17 are:

- a. **\$29,178** annual gross income for single person households.
- b. **\$33,436** annual gross income for two or more person households.

These new limits, effective July 1, 2016, reflect the 1.9% increase in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County CPI-W index for December 2014 to December 2015.

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