

**CITY OF DEER PARK**  
**Utility Discounts Criteria for Low Income Senior Citizens**  
**and Low Income Disabled Persons (Ordinance 2008-856)**

**Deer Park Municipal Code Section 3.38.020 Definitions:**

- A. "Senior Citizen":
1. Resides within the City of Deer Park;
  2. Is sixty-two (62) years of age or older;
  3. Receives utility services from the City of Deer Park;
  4. Is the head of a household.
- B. "Disabled Citizen":
1. Resides within the City of Deer Park;
  2. Receives utility services from the City of Deer Park;
  3. Is the head of a household; and
  4. Qualifies for special parking privileges under ***RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (f)***, or a "blind person" as defined in ***RCW 74.18.030(4)***, or a person who qualifies for supplemental social security benefits due to a disability.
- C. "Low Income":
1. Every single person whose combined disposable income as defined in ***RCW 84.36.383(5)*** is less than the qualifying amount set forth in ***RCW 84.36.381(5)(b)(ii)***.
  2. Every married couple, constituting a marital community, and whose combined disposable income as defined in ***RCW 84.36.383(5)*** is less than the qualifying amount set forth in ***RCW 84.36.381(5)(a)***.

The City of Deer Park Municipal Code uses the income level set by state statutes in RCW 84.36 to qualify for a property tax exemption. The applicant must meet the income level and either be a senior citizen or disabled citizen to qualify for the utility discount. These are the RCW excerpt definitions:

**RCW 84.36.383(5):**

- (5) "Disposable income" means adjusted gross income as defined in the federal revenue code, as amended prior to January 1, 1989, or such subsequent date as the director may provide by rule consistent with the purpose of this section, plus all of the following items to the extent they are not included in or have been deducted from adjusted gross income:
- (a) Capital gains, other than gain excluded from income under section 121 of the federal internal revenue code to the extent it is reinvested in a new principal residence;
  - (b) Amounts deducted for loss;
  - (c) Amounts deducted for depreciation;
  - (d) Pension and annuity receipts;
  - (e) Military pay and benefits other than attendant-care and medical-aid payments;
  - (f) Veterans benefits other than attendant-care and medical-aid payments;
  - (g) Federal social security act and railroad retirements benefits;
  - (h) Dividend receipts; and
  - (i) Interest received on state and municipal bonds.

**RCW 84.36.381(5)(a) & (b)(ii):**

- (5)(a) A person who otherwise qualifies under this section and has a combined disposable income of thirty-five thousand dollars or less . . . (married) (2,917/mo)
- (5)(b)(ii) A person who otherwise qualifies under this section and has a combined disposable income of twenty-five thousand dollars or less . . . (single) (2,083/month)

**RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (f):**

- (1) The director shall grant special parking privileges to any person who has a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk or involves acute sensitivity to light and meets one of the following criteria, as determined by a licensed physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, or a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A or 18.57A RCW:
  - (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;
  - (b) Is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
  - (c) Has such a severe disability, that the person cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
  - (d) Uses portable oxygen;
  - (e) Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by spirometry is less than one liter per second of the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest;
  - (f) Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as class III or IV under standards accepted by the American Heart Association.

**RCW 74.18.030(4):**

- (4) "Blind person" means a person who:
  - (a) Has no vision or whose vision with corrective lenses is so limited that the individual requires alternative methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily done with sight y individuals with normal vision;
  - (b) has an eye condition of a progressive nature which may lead to blindness; or
  - (c) is blind for purposes of the business enterprise program as set forth in RCW 74.18.200 through 74.18.230 in accordance with requirements of the Randolph-Sheppard Act of 1936.