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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Mayor Christopher L. Duncan has announced that the City of Sulphur is continuing the program of assistance to low income households for payment of water, sewer, and trash fees charged by the City.

Determination of eligibility for this assistance program will be in accordance with Department of Social Service guidelines established by the Federal government and the State of Louisiana.

**THE MAXIMUM INCOME TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY IS AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</b>	<b>MONTHLY GROSS INCOME</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>\$ 1,905.00</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>\$ 2,491.00</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>\$ 3,077.00</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>\$ 3,663.00</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>\$ 4,249.00</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>\$ 4,835.00</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>\$ 4,945.00</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>\$ 5,055.00</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>\$ 5,165.00</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>\$ 5,275.00</b>

This program is open to all persons of race, color, age, religion, sex, or national origin.

Eligibility will also be determined by the number of qualified applicants and the appropriation of funds for this purpose.

Utility Assistance Program

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For the purpose of this program, a household means parents, their minor children and/or grandparents (it shall not apply to grandchildren) who reside in a housing unit and for whom utilities are customarily purchased in common, or who make payments for utilities included in the rent; income means all non-exempt income received into a household on a regular or predictable basis during three calendar months or all annualized non-exempt income received by members of a household on an irregular or fluctuating basis or monies received into a home occupied by a household from any source whatsoever; housing unit means a house, a stationary mobile home, an apartment or any unit used for billing purposes.

For purposes of this program, minor means any individual under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

NOTE: All property owners and renters shall be treated equitably.

Recertification of eligibility will be necessary at least once a year. All changes in status affecting eligibility must be reported promptly. Certification and recertification will be the responsibility of the Office of the Mayor. Confidentiality of all information provided to determine eligibility will be maintained.

The City of Sulphur will be taking applications for this program March 1 – 10, 2017, at Sulphur City Hall.

**Persons applying must bring a copy of any and all income for all members of the household.**

Continuation of this assistance program will be determined annually with the adoption of the operating budget of the City of Sulphur by the City Council. Administration of the program will be the responsibility of the Mayor, through the Director of Finance.