S U B S T I T U T E
O R D I N A N C E

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 11-12-532 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

11-12-532 Transfer of utility debt.

(a) *Definitions*. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Comptroller", "LIHEAP", "UBR," and "Participant" have the same meaning ascribed to these terms in Section 11-12-545(c).

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(b) If a Participant transfers the subject property to a qualifying transferee, or a qualifying transferee receives the entirety of the subject property through a court-ordered settlement or other court order in a domestic relations action, or a qualifying transferee inherits the entirety of the subject property by intestate succession or as testamentary devisee, whether such transfer is subject to or exempt from real property transfer tax pursuant to Chapter 3-33 of this Code, a full payment certificate shall be issued without immediate payment of the outstanding utility debt.

(c) If a transferee who is not a qualifying transferee solely due to not meeting the eligibility criteria under subsection (a)(2)(A) of this section inherits the entirety of the subject property from a Participant by intestate succession or as testamentary devisee, such transferee may participate in the UBR program, by assuming the time remaining in the program enrollment period of the Participant during their most recent enrollment, if such transferee: (1) agrees in writing, on a form prescribed by the Comptroller, to assume responsibility for all outstanding utility debt on the subject property; and (2) signs an agreement to enroll in the UBR program for all utility debt on the subject property. For purposes of this subsection 11-12-532, a person shall be considered a Participant if such person was enrolled in UBR at the time the transferee inherited the property, or the person's UBR application was submitted before the transferee inherited the property and the Comptroller determines that the person would be eligible for UBR. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such transferee shall be eligible to re-enroll in the UBR program pursuant to Section 11-12-545(d)(4) of this Code, unless such transferee meets the applicable eligibility requirements at the time of re-enrollment.

(d) If real property is transferred or inherited pursuant to Section 11-12-532(b) of this Code, the application fee specified in Section 11-12-530 of this Code shall be waived.

SECTION 2. Section 11-12-545 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

11-12-545 Utility billing relief program.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(d) *Program*.

(1) *Eligibility*. A Homeowner who is eligible to participate in the UBR and applies to the Comptroller may become a Participant. In order to become a Participant, a Homeowner must own and occupy the single-family, two-unit, or three-unit residence in the City of Chicago for which participation in the UBR is sought, and must meet the eligibility criteria to participate in the LIHEAP with the exception of any United States citizenship requirement; provided, however, that a Homeowner does not need to participate in the LIHEAP in order to be eligible for the UBR, and that a transferee Homeowner may be eligible to participate in UBR as provided in Section 11-12-532 of this Code. A Homeowner who receives an exemption under Section 3-12-050 shall not be eligible to simultaneously participate in the UBR. A Participant who does not successfully complete the UBR two times shall no longer be eligible to participate in the UBR.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 60 days following its passage and publication.

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