

Summary of Municipal Code 11-12-540 Exemption from Charges

- The ordinance will be applied to the 2013 water charges of all eligible organizations and all water charges thereafter.
- Group 1: NFPs with net assets < \$1M will be eligible for a 100% water exemption.
- Group 2: NFPs with net assets between \$1M and less than \$10M will be eligible for a 60% water exemption.
- Group 3: NFPs with net assets between \$10M and less than \$250M will be eligible for a 25% water exemption.
- No exemption from water payments for those NFPs with net assets equal to or greater than \$250M.
- Disproportionate Share Hospitals will be eligible for a water exemption based on net asset levels in accordance with Groups 1 thru 3, but with a minimum exemption of 25%.
- Public museums will continue to be eligible for a water exemption of 20% regardless of net asset levels.
- The water exemption for the City, National Guard, Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges and Cook County Hospitals will remain the same.
- All organizations must provide a water conservation plan.
- All organizations must provide charitable services that benefit the public within Chicago.
- All water accounts must be controlled by a meter to be eligible for an exemption. If the City determines a vault is required to be built on the public right of way prior to the installation of a meter and the organization can demonstrate financial hardship, the City will pay the upfront costs to install the meter and the organization will be placed on a long term payment plan with the Department of Finance.