



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ADOPTING A CHARITY CARE POLICY PURSUANT TO THE AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, part of the mission of the Farmers Branch Fire Department (“the Department”) is to provide Emergency Medical Services to individuals within the Department’s operating territory in need of emergency care or transport, regardless of the source of and ability to make payment for such services; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-33 of the Code of Ordinances establishes certain fees that are to be charged to people who have received Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, Emergency Medical Services are provided by the Department to a person who is not covered by medical insurance or who otherwise does not have the financial means to pay all or any of the fees charged to the person for the Emergency Medical Services provided, which unpaid charges would likely be written off as a bad debt and not collected; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 1 T.A.C. §355.8210, governmental ambulance providers may seek supplemental payments from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services (“TxHHS”) through the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (“ASPP”) for certain charity care provided to eligible people to whom Emergency Medical Services are provided; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for the payments under the ASPP, the Department must, among other things, establish a policy regarding the provision of “Charity Care” as defined in 1 T.A.C. §355.8210; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has developed a proposed policy to comply with the ASPP eligibility requirements and recommends its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, finds it to be in the public interest to adopt the proposed policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The Farmers Branch Fire Department Charity Care Policy (“the Policy”) is hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to approve amendments to the Policy as may be necessary from time to time to comply with changes in state law or regulations relating to eligibility for payments under ASPP.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS
BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amy Piukana, City Secretary

Robert C. Dye, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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