

A RESOLUTION CREATING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Albany Fire Department Ambulance provides emergency services to patients without regard to their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Albany Fire Department Ambulance billing procedures allow for billing of all possible insurance carriers to maximize recovery from these sources, but do not provide a process for determining a patient's financial hardship for the purpose of writing off all or a portion of an ambulance service bill; and

WHEREAS, Albany Fire Department Ambulance has proposed initiating a Financial Hardship Program for Ambulance Services that would provide guidelines for determining financial hardship and the authority to write off all or a portion of a patient's ambulance service bill based on the patient's inability to pay; and

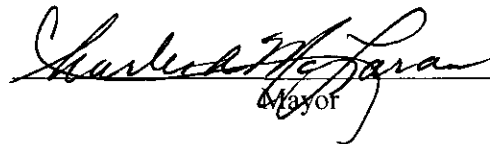
WHEREAS, a patient would be determined to qualify for financial hardship if his/her personal income is at or below the poverty guidelines as established by the Department of Health and Human Services for the State, County, or geographic location of the patient's residence; and

WHEREAS, the poverty guidelines for Oregon are updated annually to account for inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that the Financial Hardship Program for Ambulance Services is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2006.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2005.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk