

ORDINANCE NO. 20210902-069

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CITY OF AUSTIN FEE AND FINE ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 20200812-002) AND EXHIBIT A TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CITY OF AUSTIN FEE AND FINE ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 20210811-002) TO AUTHORIZE WAIVERS FROM PERSONAL PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICES FEES RELATING TO THE DISCOUNT AND CHARITY CARE FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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

PART 1. The City Council amends Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City of Austin Fee and Fine Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20200812-002) and Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Austin Fee and Fine Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20210811-002) to authorize waivers from personal payment of certain emergency services fees relating to the discount and charity care fees for Emergency Medical Services with a notation that contains language as follows:

- A. The City shall provide hardship assistance with no obligation to pay personally for ambulance transport services to those uninsured patients who meet one of the following criteria:
1. Experiencing homelessness, or has received care from a facility that offers temporary or transitional housing or shelter or other supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness within 12 months from the Date of Service;
 2. Patient is deceased with no known estate to pay for the services;
 3. Incarcerated, or has been incarcerated within 12 months before the Date of Service, evidence of arrest shall be considered incarceration for eligibility purposes;
 4. Currently (at the time of billing) eligible for Medicaid, but did not have Medicaid on the Date of Service;
 5. Eligible for the Medical Assistance Program (MAP);
 6. Eligible for State-funded prescription programs;
 7. Eligible for participation in Women, Infants and Children programs (WIC);

8. Eligible for food stamps;
9. Eligible for subsidized school lunch program;
10. Eligible for other need-based federal, state or local assistance programs including but not limited to Lone Star Card Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Section 8 Housing;
11. Residence address is subsidized housing, or individuals eligible for rent voucher from the federal/state housing authority or City;
12. Credit Score from major credit reporting agency at or **below 500** within 12 months after the Date of Service;

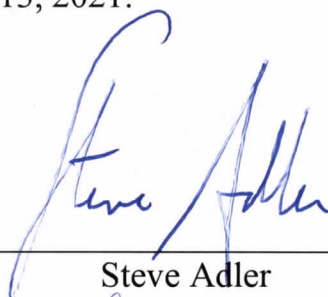
Other conditions which, in the discretion of the Chief, are consistent with the purpose, intent and terms of the Policy and comply with applicable law.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on September 13, 2021.

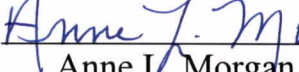
PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, September 2, 2021

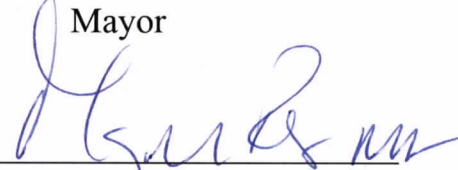
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Mayor

APPROVED: 

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City Clerk