

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION



Date Action Requested: (April 15, 2024)

Order Ordinance Resolution Motion Information Proclamation

No. 2024-3919

Subject: Update Res 2019-3574 to increase
Military Assistance to \$6,000 from \$3,600

Staff: Will Worthey
Department: Admin

Business Session

Order On Agenda: Continued Business

Hearing Type: Administrative

Is this item state mandated? Yes No

If yes, please cite the state house bill or order that necessitated this action:

Recommendation:

It is Recommended that Council resolves as follows:

“The City Council of Newberg resolves to increase the Municipal (Utility Bill) Services Assistance Program Military Assistance Allotment from \$3,600 to \$6,000.”

Executive Summary: In 2023 Mayor Bill Rosacker requested this Military Assistance Allotment to be updated of City Manager Will Worthey. The City Manager has kept track of this request and is now bringing this before council to resolve. The Rate Review Committee in the past has planned and set the allotments for all assistance, and the original Resolution to adopt the Municiple Services Assistance for Utility Billing has been superseded many times to allow for increased assistance for Military and Low-income. It is now the desire of the Mayor to increase this allotment for Military Assistance to reflect a realistic figure that will provide aid to those who need it. Currently the assistance is \$25 per month for 12 months. If the assistance is increased to \$6,000, it will allow for 20 applicants to receive the military assistance discount each fiscal year. Currently, we have a budget for 12 to receive the assistance

Fiscal Impact: \$2,400 impact.

Council Goals: This resolution falls in line with Council Goal 6 Implement a careful and prudent fiscal policy: (2) Reduce elements of the municipal billing statement.

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A Resolution

Recitals:

1. The proposed program policy changes will supersede prior adopted Resolutions 2008-2767, 2010-2902, 2018-3502, 2019-3574, and 2021-3757.
2. This Policy does not need to be discussed by Rate Review per RES. 2021-3757, but can be voted on and enacted by council and modified by the Finance Division.
3. Mayor Bill Rosacker is proposing the policy be changed with the following modification, as reflected and incorporated in Exhibit A: Military Assistance increase to \$6,000 from \$3,600.

The City of Newberg Resolves as Follows:

1. The City Council of Newberg resolves to adopt the new Municipal Services Assistance Program policy, as described in attached Exhibit A, is hereby adopted and supersedes the previous policy under Resolution 2021-3757
2. The City Council of Newberg resolves to increase the Municipal (Utility Bill) Services Assistance Program Military Assistance Allotment from \$3,600 to \$6,000.

Effective Date of this resolution is: July 1, 2024. **Adopted** by the City Council of Newberg, Oregon, this 1st day of April, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Thomas".

Rachel Thomas, City Recorder

Attest by the Mayor this 10 day of April, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Rosacker".

Bill Rosacker, Mayor