

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM IX

8/6/12

August City Council Mtg.



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
July 9, 2012 City Council Meeting

Subject:

Singular Welfare Guideline update proposal of the 2008 Welfare Guidelines for the August Council's Agenda

Motion:

I move to amend the 2008 Welfare Guidelines to state the following/ and delete one area as outline in the attachment, pg 22 under 1. Housing section b. Rental Rates

Discussion:

My rationale is also attached and I welcome any queries from the Council or the Public.

Submitted by

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Welfare Director

Attachments/Exhibits:

NEW

- b. **Rental Rates:** Depending on family and unit size, SHALL BE PAID AT THE RATE OF 1/2 OF THE RENT UP TO A CAP OF \$500.00 MAX. PER MONTH. THE TENANT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THEIR HOUSING EXPENSES ALONG WITH THE CITY.

Rationale-The Cap of 500.00 is based on the last 4 years (2008-2011) of rental assistance to the residents of the City.

Also other communities have a cap-I believe a cap would be challenged as unfair when the rents are varied. A percentage of assistance with a cap is reasonable based on past history.

Average rental assistance which has been 100% of the rent since 2001=\$458.00

My Welfare philosophy that the City should assistance and not enable residents is a primary reason to pay partial rents. Studies show that allowing mutual aid moves people forward when they help assist themselves.

Delete

delete(rental rates range from \$125./week to \$950 per month).

Consideration will be given to fair market rental rates when it is necessary to maintain housing and no other less expensive alternatives are available, in accordance with RSA 165.1.

- i. Assistance with rent will not be paid on housing that does not meet the criteria set forth by the Code Enforcement Office and the Fire Department. Assistance with rent will only be paid on housing that has passed an inspection by the Franklin Code Enforcement Officer within the past 12 months and has no outstanding complaints with the Code Enforcement Office.
- ii. When a family/person is receiving rent subsidy through a program regulated by the Department of HUD, the city will enforce the responsibility of the \$25.00 deduction being made by HUD as a