

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM VI**



**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

*City Council Meeting of April, 2016*

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**Subject: City Council to approve Ordinance #08-16, changes to Chapter 368 of the City Code (Welfare Standards).**

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**Motion:** “I move that the City Council consider the approval of Ordinance #08-16, changes to Chapter 368 Welfare Standards, 368.5 E Determination of Eligibility sections 6a) Medical expenses subsection and Chapter 368.7 Burials.”

Mayor asks for a second, discussion, and calls for a vote.



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**ORDINANCE #08-16**

**An Amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code:**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen:**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that Chapter 368. Welfare Standards, 368.5 E Determination of Eligibility section 6a) Medical expenses subsection and Chapter 368.7 Burials will be changed as follows:

Chapter 368 Welfare Standards

368-5 Determination of eligibility

E. Standard of need. A person is eligible for general assistance when need exceeds income plus nonexempt available liquid assets. To determine an applicant's standard of need, a budget sheet is figured, adding actual or allowable expenses, whichever is less, and subtracting net income. Allowable expenses are as listed.

6. (a) Generally, the Director shall not consider providing for medical, dental or eye services unless the applicant can verify and document that all other potential sources have been investigated and that there is no other source of assistance other than local welfare. When a person applies for medical service, dental service or eye service to the Director, he or she must provide written documentation from a doctor, dentist or person licensed to practice optometry in the area indicating that these services are absolutely necessary and cannot be postponed without running a significant risk that the applicant's well-being will be placed in serious jeopardy. In no case will the amount of assistance exceed those amounts as provided in the Schedule of Benefits, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Plan B. Prescriptions will be considered if they are life sustaining. Pain prescriptions are not considered life sustaining.

Delete: In no case will the amount of assistance exceed those amounts as provided in the Schedule of Benefits, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Plan B. Prescriptions will be considered if they are life sustaining. Pain prescriptions are not considered life sustaining.

Replace with: Prescriptions will be considered if they are life sustaining for up to 30 days while alternative benefits are located through other insurance programs or prescription programs that may be available.

368-7 Burials

The Director shall provide for proper burial, at city expense, of assisted persons in the city at time of death. Assistance with burial will only be paid by city welfare when approval is authorized prior to the funeral and burial. Total cost of the funeral and burial must not exceed \$1,285. If it exceeds \$1,285 no welfare payment will be made. Local welfare will contribute a maximum of \$750 for burial.

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Add: Except when a town or city assisted person has made arrangements for a prepaid funeral, if the total of his liquid assets at death are less than \$1,000, there shall be an automatic assignment to the funeral director or the person who paid for the funeral and burial or cremation of the deceased to the extent of funeral and burial or cremation expenses up to \$1,000.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Councilor Clarenbach</b> _____	<b>Councilor Dzujna</b> _____	<b>Councilor Barton</b> _____
<b>Councilor Starkweather</b> _____	<b>Councilor Wells</b> _____	<b>Councilor Boyd</b> _____
<b>Councilor Desrochers</b> _____	<b>Councilor Giunta</b> _____	<b>Councilor Zink</b> _____

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie A. Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.**

**A True Copy Attested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

**In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding Ordinance #08-16, to make changes to Chapter 368 Welfare Standards, 368.5 E Determination of Eligibility section 6a) Medical expenses subsection and Chapter 368.7 Burials.**

**Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office, via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.**

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