

**ORDINANCE NO. 7051**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A CHARITY CARE POLICY FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:**

**Section 1**

That Chapter 21, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection 21.26(D) to read as follows:

"(D) The City Manager, or his designee, shall adopt a Charity Care Policy and the procedures for administering the policy. The Charity Care Policy shall provide that the fees charged for ambulance services provided by the City may be fully or partially waived if the City is entitled to receive partial reimbursement under the federally approved Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program for the services provided to the person as follows:

- (1) A 100% waiver if the person's adjusted gross income falls below 125% of the federal poverty line;
- (2) A 75% waiver if the person's adjusted gross income falls below 150% of the federal poverty line;
- (3) A 50% waiver if the person's adjusted gross income falls below 175% of the federal poverty line; or
- (4) A 25% waiver if the person's adjusted gross income falls below 200% of the federal poverty line."

**Section 2**

That Chapter 21, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

**Section 3**

That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Sec. 10.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

**Section 4**

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Secretary