

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, November 19, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Resolut.5**

**Council to consider an Ordinance establishing a fee for non-medical assistance to individuals.**

**Staff Contact: Thomas Schingle, Fire Chief**

## Agenda Statement

Item No.

For Meeting of: November 19, 2018

**AGENDA TITLE:** Council to consider an ordinance establishing a fee for non-medical assistance.

**SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION:** Fire

**PRESENTATION BY:** Tom Schingle

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:** This ordinance would establish the parameters for when the fire department may assess a fee for non-medical assistance. The goal is to prevent unnecessary use of fire department resources where no medical emergency exists, which potentially prevents the fire department from responding to other emergencies. This fee would not be assessed to individuals who refuse treatment or transport upon being advised treatment or transport is recommended, nor would it be assessed to other out-of-hospital care providers.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt

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### EXHIBITS

Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☒ Contract ☐ Minutes ☐ Plan/Map ☐

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTIFICATION LIST:** Yes ☐ No ☐ Further Instructions ☐  
Please list names and addresses required for notification.

**APPROVAL FOR SUBMITTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

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Rev: 11/15/12 City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 6 TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR ~~LIFT ASSISTANCE~~ **NON-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** TO INDIVIDUALS, ~~ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND NURSING CARE FACILITIES~~, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDANINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA.

Section 1. The Scottsbluff Municipal Code is now amended to include a new Section 6-6-33.3 to provide as follows:

**“6-6-33.3. Miscellaneous; Fire Department Services.**

On occasion the City’s Fire Department is called **for non-medical assistance, to include false medical alarms**, ~~upon to provide lift assistance service~~ for individuals either at their home or at an assisted living facility or nursing care facility. ~~Lift assistance service~~ **Non-medical assistance** shall mean any time the Fire Department is summoned to respond to provide assistance ~~in physically moving a person who~~ **that** does not require any ~~additional~~ medical **treatment or** transportation.

When the Fire Department is requested to respond for ~~lift assistance~~ **non-medical assistance**, a fee of \$100 shall be imposed ~~on the person making the request~~ **after two responses in a twelve-month period**. Provided, the fee shall not be imposed for the following:

- (i) when any individual refuses medical treatment or transport upon which the individual ~~signs a treatment refusal form after being~~ **was** advised treatment or transport is recommended;
- (ii) on **assisting** any other ~~pre-hospital~~ **out-of-hospital** emergency ~~treatment care~~ provider. ~~who requests assistance only for the lifting and movement of a bariatric patient.~~

The City shall, within ten (10) days of receiving itemized costs incurred for an emergency response, submit a bill for the \$100 fee by First Class Mail or personal delivery to any person ~~or~~ **entity** who has requested the ~~lift assistance service~~ **non-medical assistance**. The bill shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the date on the bill. If any person or entity who requests ~~lift assistance service~~ **non-medical assistance** fails to pay the bill submitted by the City, the City shall have a right to bring a cause of action in an appropriate court to collect such fee.”