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BILL NO. 3-5-24-1

SUMMARY – An Ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 2.48, of the Clark County Code to reflect the current functions of Clark County Social Service.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
(of Clark County, Nevada)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.48, OF THE CLARK COUNTY CODE TO REFLECT THE CURRENT FUNCTIONS OF CLARK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROVIDED HEREIN.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title 2, Chapter 2.48, of the Clark County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.48 SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Sections:

2.48.010 Department of social service created.

2.48.015 [~~Citizen's advisory committee—creation, members, terms, duties~~]

Reserved.

2.48.020 Appointment, qualifications and powers of director.

2.48.025 [~~Adoption of Social Service Policy Manual~~] Reserved.

2.48.030 General Purpose [~~Direct Assistance~~].

2.48.040 Reserved.

2.48.050 Reserved.

2.48.055 [~~Discharging planning~~] Reserved.

2.48.060 [~~Hospital services~~] Reserved.

2.48.065 [~~Homemaker home health aid~~] Reserved.

2.48.070 [~~Nursing home unit~~] Reserved.

2.48.080 [~~Social work service~~] Reserved.

2.48.085 [~~Senior citizens service~~] Reserved.

- 2.48.095 [~~Indigent accident fund program~~] [Reserved](#).
- 2.48.100 Eligibility procedures.
- 2.48.110 Verification.
- 2.48.120 Penalty for applicant fraud.
- 2.48.130 Collections and billings.
- 2.48.140 Agency appeals.

2.48.010 Department of social service created.

The name of the department of general assistance services is changed to the Clark County social service department. The functions of the department shall be assigned by the board of county commissioners and may include, but are not limited to, financial assistance, discharge planning, nursing home services, senior citizen services, homemaker home health aid, providing certifications of entitlement for the indigent accident and supplemental funds, and such other programs as the county commission shall assign to the department.

2.48.015 [~~Citizen's advisory committee—Creation, members, terms, duties~~] [Reserved](#).

~~[(a) There is created the Clark County department of social service citizens advisory committee.~~

~~[(b) The membership of the committee shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the board of county commissioners. The members shall be persons who have demonstrated interest in social service issues in the community.~~

~~[(c) Of the members first appointed, five shall be appointed for a term of one year, five for a term of two years, and five for a term of three years. The committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the board during their respective terms of appointment. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three years. The regular meetings of the committee shall be held at least quarterly, the date and time to be set by the committee. The members of the committee shall select from among their members a chairman who shall act as a presiding officer at meeting of the committee and a vice chairman who shall act during the absence or disability of the chairman. The term of all officers shall be a term of one year. Special meetings may be called by the chairman, or the vice chairman in the absence of the chairman, or by written request of a majority of the committee whenever there is sufficient business to come before the committee. A majority of the committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Motions before the committee require a majority vote of the members present and voting for passage. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but may be entitled to reimbursement for expenses upon prior approval of the board of county commissioners.]~~

2.48.020 Appointment, qualifications and powers of director.

The board of county commissioners shall [delegate to the director of social service the authority to](#) establish and approve policies and standards, [~~proscribe~~] [prescribe](#) a uniform standard of

eligibility, and appropriate funds for the department of social service. The director of social service[s] shall, as the agent of the board of county commissioners, be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.44.020 and possess qualifications as determined by the county manager. The director of social service[s], or his designee, shall develop [~~rules and~~] regulations, establish and maintain a social service policy manual, and administer the department of social service programs for the purpose of providing care, support and relief to the poor. [~~following adequate notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and a public hearing~~]. The [~~rules and~~] regulations shall be based upon the department budgetary allocation, the provisions of this ordinance, applicable local, state and federal laws, and the policies and standards as established and approved by the board of county commissioners.

~~[The director shall supervise as many social workers and other personnel as shall be deemed necessary by the board of county commissioners for the effective operation of the department.]~~

2.48.025 [~~Adoption of Social Service Policy Manual~~] Reserved.

~~[That certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the county clerk, such copies being marked and designated as the Social Service Policy Manual, 2015 Edition, is adopted as the social service policy manual for Clark County, and by designation, and reference is made a part of this chapter.]~~

2.48.030 ~~[Direct Assistance]~~ General Purpose.

Qualified and eligible applicants may receive direct assistance by way of, but not limited to: food and shelter; public transportation tickets and/or cash grants for gasoline; and cremation or burial service (for those individuals who die within the county’s jurisdiction and (a) lack the resources or responsible relatives to pay for the services or (b) are not eligible for another agency’s cremation or burial services.

Direct assistance shall be provided to qualified and eligible applicants based on the standard of need that is established in the income poverty guidelines, as adopted by the Clark County. Further, direct assistance shall be administered at the rate determined by Clark County.

Social Service shall provide a services delivery system responsive to the needs of its applicants, and this delivery system shall facilitate all services—direct/actual, counseling, and referral—that are available through the department. Applicants for, and recipients of, assistance shall receive counseling and referral services to meet their needs. Additionally, the department shall also provide counseling and referral services to the applicant’s family members, as it relates to the needs of the applicant, subject to availability within the department. Such services shall be provided in conjunction with all other departmental programs.

Social Service may also provide counseling and referral services to senior citizens, and to the families of senior citizens, as it relates to the needs of the senior citizen; subject to availability within the department ~~[Eligible applicants may receive assistance for food and shelter. Eligible transients shall be provided transportation tickets or cash grants for gasoline and food. Cremation or burials shall be provided for those individuals who die within the county and do not have the resources, the responsible relatives or who are not eligible for another agency to pay all or part of the cremation or burial.~~

~~Direct assistance shall be provided to clients based on the standard of need that is established in the income poverty guidelines as adopted by the county government. Direct assistance shall be given at the rate determined by the county government].~~

2.48.040 Reserved.

2.48.050 Reserved.

2.48.055 ~~[Discharge planning]~~ Reserved.

~~[Clark County social service department may provide assistance with discharge planning to the staffs of all facilities for eligible Clark County clients.]~~

2.48.060 ~~[Hospital services]~~ Reserved.

~~[The department may provide social services to all eligible hospital patients, as may be contracted for between a medical institution and the department.]~~

2.48.065 [~~Homemaker home health aid~~] Reserved.

~~[Homemaking and personal care are provided for needy senior citizens and persons with disabilities with special attention given to priority of need.]~~

2.48.070 [~~Nursing home unit~~] Reserved.

~~[The department shall place and provide assistance and services to eligible persons in those group care facilities, intermediate care facilities and nursing homes licensed and eligible for and signing agreements for the care of county clients.]~~

2.48.080 [~~Social work services~~] Reserved.

~~[The department shall provide a services delivery system which shall be responsive to the needs of the clients and which shall provide counseling and referral services as well as actual services that are available in the department. The department shall also provide counseling and referral services to the client's family members as it relates to the needs of the client as available in the department. Such services shall be provided in conjunction with all other departmental programs. Applicants for and recipients of county assistance shall receive counseling and referral services to meet their needs.]~~

2.48.085 [~~Senior citizens service~~] Reserved.

~~[The department may provide counseling and referral services to senior citizens and to the families of senior citizens as it relates to the needs of the senior citizen as such services are available in the department.]~~

2.48.095 [~~Indigent accident fund program~~] Reserved.

~~[The department will respond to hospitals requesting county certification of indigence for motor vehicle accident victims. Certification will be furnished for eligible individuals.]~~

2.48.100 Eligibility procedures.

Compliance with the standards of eligibility, and the regulations of the department of social service, shall be mandatory for any person applying for county assistance.

Eligibility standards and regulations will be maintained for public review at the social service department and the county manager's office.

An applicant to a county administered federal/state-funded program shall also meet and comply with any additional federal/state provisions and requirements.

2.48.110 Verification.

Applicants for the county program shall place with the social service department a declaration of need and shall provide full disclosure of all financial and social information demonstrating a

factual need. Applicants shall, by signed authorization, permit the department to verify pertinent facts of eligibility. Failure to permit reasonable investigation shall result in a denial of aid.

2.48.120 Penalty for applicant fraud.

Any person applying for assistance shall provide all required information. An applicant who [~~wilfully~~] willfully, with the intent to defraud, supplies incorrect information or who [~~wilfully~~] willfully, with the intent to defraud, withholds pertinent information will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.48.130 Collections and billings.

The department shall maintain a collections and billings section which shall screen accounts to determine the validity of referrals for payment of bills. Valid accounts shall be paid. The department shall also make an effort to collect directly, employ available legal remedies for collections, and, if necessary, utilize a collection agency for all outstanding applicant accounts.

2.48.140 Agency appeals.

An applicant for the county program, denied partial or total assistance, may apply for a case review to the social service director. A further appeal may be made to the county manager, or his appointed designee, for a fair hearing to be held in a timely manner.

Section 2. If any section of this ordinance or portion thereof is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, chapters, sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or sentences contained in the Clark County Code in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and the publication thereof by title only, together with the names of the County Commissioners voting for or against its passage, in a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in Clark County, Nevada, at least once a week for a period of two (2) weeks.

PROPOSED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

PROPOSED BY: Commissioner _____

PASSED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAINING: _____

ABSENT: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BY: _____
TICK SEGERBLOM
Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: _____
LYNN GOYA, County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the ____ day of _____, 2024.