

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-44

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE
FOR FARMINGTON CITY UTILITY BILLS**

WHEREAS, the City provides certain utilities to its residents and bills the costs of those utilities to the households that utilize them; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there are likely multiple households with limited financial resources to cover all costs of utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interest for the welfare of its citizenry to establish a program in which other utility customers may voluntarily donate funds to aid those households with limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the code proposed to be adopted includes requirements that households be screened for need through other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance and program are designed to be efficient and helpful to the residents most in need,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
FARMINGTON CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: Adoption. The City Council adopts section 9-1-320 of the Farmington Municipal Code, as attached to this Ordinance.

Section 2: Severability. If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.


Section 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FARMINGTON CITY,
STATE OF UTAH, THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.**

ATTEST:


DeAnn Carlile, City Recorder

FARMINGTON CITY


Brett Anderson, Mayor



9-1-320: NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE FOR UTILITY BILLS; TRUST FUND:

- A. The City may establish a trust fund to receive voluntary donations from customers or other individuals in order to assist eligible households with utility bill payments.
- B. The trust fund established by the City will be limited in its use for need-based utility bill assistance for Farmington utility customers and may not be accessed for any other government purpose.
- C. A household located within Farmington City establishes eligibility for participation in the city's need-based assistance program by:
 - 1. Presenting a letter confirming eligibility to receive assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Target program operated by the Utah Department of Workforce Services; or
 - 2. If the household is a refugee household that does not qualify for assistance under the Home Energy Assistance Target program, presenting a letter from a case worker from the Utah Department of Workforce Services Refugee Services Office requesting assistance, which letter must include information regarding the household's needs.
- D. Eligibility expires one (1) year after it is established by the household, as provided in subsection C of this section.
- E. Eligibility to participate in the program does not guarantee specific assistance; funds will be disbursed on a programmatic basis, as directed by the Council. Once trust fund amounts are exhausted in a given fiscal year, then assistance will not be available until the following fiscal year, unless specifically authorized by the Council.