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§ 15-9-23 MEDICALLY VULNERABLE RESIDENTS.

(1) LIFE SUPPORT means the resident is sustained by a life support system that ~~[has been registered with and approved by the City and that]~~ requires uninterrupted electric or water service. The resident's need for the system must be certified ~~[by a licensed physician]~~ and verified as defined by Subsection B, as essential to sustain the life of the resident, and include but are not limited to devices such as an iron lung, ventilator, feeding pump, kidney dialysis machine, aerosol tent, apnea monitor, blood pump, compressor/concentrator, electric nerve stimulator, extremity pump, hospital bed, hemodialysis machine, oxygen concentrator, pressure pump, pressure pad, and respirator;

(2) CRITICAL ILLNESS means the resident is being treated by a licensed physician medical practitioner as defined under Subsection B for paraplegia, hemiplegia, quadriplegia, multiple sclerosis, or scleroderma[, and]; such medical condition requires heating or air conditioning; and the final outcome of the medical condition may be treatable or remain uncertain; and[.]

(3) **SERIOUS ILLNESS** means the resident is being treated by a licensed physician medical practitioner as defined under Subsection B for a physical or mental disease or ailment of [long] indefinite duration or frequent recurrence where bodily function or organs would be seriously impaired without heating or air conditioning.

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- 36 (1) a signed certification by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician's
37 assistant, clinical nurse specialist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,
38 certified nursing assistant, or state-licensed clinical social worker of the
39 qualifying medical condition, including but not limited to the length of time
40 the condition is expected to exist;
- 41 (2) authorization by the Medically Vulnerable [resident] Resident, or a duly
42 authorized guardian or representative, for the City to verify the [physician's]
43 signed certification and other information in the application;
- 44 (3) authorization for on-site verifications at the service address by City
45 personnel at [reasonable] prescheduled times or unscheduled if necessary,
46 during emergencies or if unable to contact the customer;
- 47 (4) designation of a contact person (including name, address, and phone
48 number) authorized to receive communications or other utility related
49 information from the City on behalf of the Medically Vulnerable [resident]
50 Resident; and
- 51 (5) such other information the City may deem necessary to approve the
52 application.
- 53 (C) For a service address to remain on the Medically Vulnerable Registry, the
54 Medically Vulnerable Resident, or a duly authorized guardian or representative
55 must comply with the following: [Life Support and Critical Illness residents, or a
56 duly authorized guardian or representative, must reapply under Subsection (B) of
57 this section on an annual basis to maintain Medically Vulnerable Status, while
58 Serious Illness residents, or a duly authorized guardian or representative, must
59 reapply after every two months. Failure to reapply shall result in removal from
60 the Medically Vulnerable list.]
- 61 (1) Life Support Residents with a verified certification will have permanent
62 status as a Medically Vulnerable Resident for as long as the qualifying resident
63 remains at the verified address and a duly authorized guardian or representative
64 agrees to annual site visit verification by the City.
- 65 (2) Critical Illness Residents, or a duly authorized guardian or representative,
66 must reapply under Subsection of this section every (5) years and agree to annual
67 site visit verification by the City.
- 68 (3) Serious Illness Residents, or a duly authorized guardian or representative,
69 must reapply under Subsection (B) of this section, on an annual basis and agree
70 to site visit verification by the City.
- 71 (4) Failure to reapply or comply with required site visit verification shall result in
72 removal from the Medically Vulnerable Registry.

(D) If at the time of application, the utility account for the service address or for the Medically Vulnerable [resident] Resident has a balance past-due, the customer must pay the balance due or enter into a deferred payment agreement under Section 15-9-144 in order for the residence to be placed on the Medically Vulnerable [list] Registry.

(E) Regardless of the City's awareness of a Medically Vulnerable [resident's] Resident's condition or presence at a service address, the limitation of liability and release set forth in Section 15-9-7 applies to a Medically Vulnerable [resident] Resident.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2024 § _____
Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Anne L. Morgan Myrna Rios
City Attorney City Clerk