

RESOLUTION NO. 92A-05
A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79-04 RELATING TO THE MASON COUNTY
VETERANS' ASSISTANCE FUND AND SCREENING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Mason County has established a levy per RCW 73.08.080 for the purpose of creating the Veterans' Assistance Fund for the relief of honorably discharged veterans or for veterans discharged for physical reasons with an honorable record;

WHEREAS, RCW 73.080.010 allows for the Commander and Quartermaster or Commander and adjutant, or Commander and Service Officer of any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans to serve as a relief committee for the purpose of drawing upon veterans' assistance monies;

WHEREAS, RCW 73.08.010 provides for the relief of indigent and suffering veterans and their families or the families of those deceased, who need assistance;

WHEREAS, Substitute House Bill 1189 (SHB 1189), relating to the Veterans' Relief, became effective July 24, 2005;

WHEREAS, the Mason County Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee has reviewed SHB 1189 and has requested the County define "indigent and suffering" to mean 150% of the current poverty level as authorized in Section 2(3) of SHB 1189;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners that,

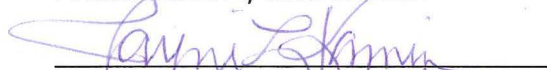
1. Each Veterans' Assistance Committee shall consist of: the Commander and Quartermaster, or Commander and Adjutant, or Commander and Service Officer of any post, camp, or chapter of the following Mason County veteran organizations:

Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post 5372
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post 7590
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post 1694
American Legion	Post 31
2. Members of the Veterans' Assistance Committee shall be elected or appointed within their respective veteran organizations. Notification of Committee members shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners along with the annual report required by RCW 73.08.040 during the month of October. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to disallow committee members for cause.
3. The Veterans' Assistance Fund may be disbursed to indigent veterans and their families or the families of those deceased or to persons serving indigent veterans in amounts not to exceed six hundred (\$600) dollars per applicant per calendar year unless the indigent Veteran qualifies for additional funds under #6 below.
4. Approval of the six hundred (\$600) dollar assistance shall be granted only for the following reasons:
 - a. Payment of housing.
 - b. Payment of utilities.
 - c. Food (not to include tobacco and alcoholic beverages).
 - d. Payment of mileage reimbursement to veterans or other community volunteers who transport indigent veterans to medical, dental or health related appointments. Such reimbursement shall be made in amounts consistent with County Employee mileage reimbursement policy.

5. Veterans' Assistance funds shall not duplicate other available assistance for the purposes stated in #4 above.
6. If any Veterans' Assistance Committee determines an applicant is in need of assistance due to any event, catastrophic illness or other significant change in circumstance which comes into being unexpectedly and is beyond the applicant's management or control, the Committee may request in writing that the Board of Mason County Commissioners consider approval of an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars per applicant in any one calendar year.
7. All requests for funding shall be approved by the members of each Veterans' Assistance Committee and the Board of Mason County Commissioners.
8. RCW 41.04.005 and other provisions of RCW Title 73 shall govern eligibility assistance to veterans and/or their families.
9. The County defines "indigent and suffering" to mean a veteran with an annual income, after taxes, of up to 150% or less of the current federally established poverty level, (defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services).
10. As per RCW 73.08.070, the County shall assist indigent veterans with burial or cremation costs of up to six hundred (\$600) dollars.

Effective this 4th of October, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee