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AMENDMENT TO VETERANS AFFAIRS
ORDINANCE VII-I

- SECTION 6. LEVEL OF BENEFITS. The maximum level of benefits to be provided for each item of assistance for each veteran or that veteran's family unit shall be:
1. Food vouchers shall be issued for the same dollar amount as is provided by the current Food Stamp Program. The only difference will be that toiletries MAY be purchased with food voucher.
 2. Rent and/or shelter shall be \$200.00 for the single, \$250.00 for two persons and for three or more, the maximum shall be \$300.00 per month.
 3. No assistance will be provided for car payments, insurances, taxes, deposits, loan payments (other than house payment) or escrow funds.
 4. Clothing, will be of reasonable value, actually needed, and if not available from other sources, such as the Clothing Closet and the Salvation Army.
 5. Utilities - All Veterans requesting assistance, shall apply for the Fuel Assistance Program (when available). All utilities paid for by this office shall be for the current amount. NO back bills, sales tax or deposits shall be paid. Fuel Oil or L.P. Gas shall not exceed 250 gallons per month. No telephone bills or air conditioning expense will be paid, unless there is a letter from a Doctor stating the need for same. Where air conditioning is used, and there is no letter, only half of the Electric bill will be paid.
 6. Transportation Expenses - Includes gasoline as needed to obtain other V. A. benefits or to seek employment, provided that proof of application for benefits or employment is provided to the Commission.
 7. Nursing Home Assistance - A veteran or a member of the family unit shall be allowed assistance for that portion of his or her monthly bill which is in excess of their income, but not to include the first \$25.00 which should be reserved for personal needs. The veteran or member of the family unit must make application for Title 19 or V. A. Aid and Attendance benefits prior to placement in a State approved nursing home, in order to be considered for this assistance.
 8. The Veterans Affairs Office will assist funeral directors in our county by supplying them with necessary forms and acquiring Grave Registration Forms from them. Suitable grave markers to the deceased veterans's family may be furnished by request from this office. Lost or stolen markers may be purchased from this office with check being made payable to the County Auditor, and presented to this office.
 9. Burial Benefits - May be paid in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 subject to the approval of the Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors.
 10. The Veterans Affairs Office shall also assist veterans in matters of securing from the V.A., Social Security and other agencies by helping them fill out the necessary forms pertaining to their needs. This office will also aid veterans and their spouses in making application for admission to the Marshalltown Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Passed by Board of Supervisors on June 30, 1989

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