

RESOLUTION NO. 272-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS TO APPROVE A CHARITY CARE PROGRAM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ABILENE-TAYLOR COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Health Reorganization Act, Chapter 121, Texas Health and Safety Code, Allows municipalities, counties, or hospital districts to establish and operate public health departments to serve the community's health needs.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Texas and Taylor County, Texas, have created the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District to provide public health services in this region; and

WHEREAS, 15.9 percent of Taylor County residents are identified as uninsured, and

WHEREAS, 15.8 percent of Taylor County residents are living at or below the federal poverty limit , and

WHEREAS, the mission of public health according to the American Public Health Association is to protect and promote the health of their residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, a Charity Care Program closes the gap for vulnerable populations by providing access to vital prevention and health care services; and

WHEREAS, a community thrives when all of its members are healthy and have opportunities to pursue good health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:

PART 1. That the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District is authorized to offer a Charity Care Program for citizens of Taylor County.


PART 2. That those meeting the criteria as outlined in the Charity Care Policy be provided qualifying health care services at no cost to them.


PART 3. That the leadership of the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District submit a cost report to the Health & Human Services Commission by November 14, 2025 for the period of Oct 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 for the purpose of reimbursement for all eligible costs.

PART 4. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 21st day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:


Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary


Weldon Hurt, Mayor

APPROVED:


Stanley Smith, City Attorney