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4-1-1 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the “General Assistance Ordinance of Bremer County, Iowa.”

4-1-2 INTENT

It is Bremer County’s position that provision of assistance to needy persons is a matter of public benefit as well as a statutory duty of the County. To that end general assistance as defined herein shall be administered to poor and needy families and individuals as identified by General Assistance Manual guidelines. Together this ordinance and the Bremer County General Assistance Manual fulfill the duties imposed upon the county by Chapter 252 of the Code of Iowa.

4-1-3 DEFINITIONS

The definitions of terms as used in this Ordinance are as follows:

1. “Board” means the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.
2. “Director” means the General Assistance Director appointed by the Bremer County of Supervisors to administer the county’s general assistance program or their designee.
3. “General Assistance” means county payment made on behalf of poor or needy persons for rent, utilities, food, medical services, burial and miscellaneous expenses.
4. “Poor person” means a person who has no property, exempt or otherwise, and is unable, because of physical or mental disabilities, to earn a living.
5. “Needy person” means a person who has a lack of resources to maintain self and family in a decent, healthful situation.
6. “Completed Application” means Application Form completed, signed and

all necessary supporting documentation completed and filed with the Director.

7. Terms used in the Bremer County General Assistance Manual will be defined therein.

4-1-4 ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Eligibility for General Assistance shall be determined on the basis of need as established and verified by the General Assistance Director according to the guidelines set out in the General Assistance Manual, and shall be determined without regard to race, creed, religion, national origin, sex or age.

4-1-5 BREMER COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE MANUAL (MANUAL)

1. The rules, regulations and standards for administering General Assistance shall comprise the Manual.
2. The Manual shall be adopted by resolution of Bremer County Board of Supervisors.
3. Amendments to the Manual shall be made by resolution pursuant to Section 331.302 of the Code of Iowa.
4. Copies of the Manual shall be available to the public in the office of the Director.
5. The Manual may, at a later date, be incorporated into a global “Services Plan” for Bremer County upon resolution of the Board.

4-1-6 APPLICATION FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Application for General Assistance shall be made to the Director on forms supplied by the Director.

4-1-7 APPEAL

Any decision made by the Director may be appealed by following the Appeal Procedure outlined in the General Assistance Manual.

4-1-8 REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY

Circumstances and provisions requiring applicant to reimburse Bremer County are defined in the General Assistance Manual.