

RESOLUTION NO. 17-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES FOR MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS FOR MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE MEMBERS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIRE FIGHTERS' (LEOFF) 1 DISABILITY BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' (LEOFF) 1 Disability Board is established per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 41.26, and Oak Harbor Municipal Code 2.33.

WHEREAS, it was moved and seconded at the November 6, 2015 LEOFF 1 Board that the "The LEOFF 1 Board will agree to change medical insurance carrier[s] to MedAdvantage Regence through AWC if the City agrees to Pay Medicare Part B Premiums; Continue Long-term health care coverage; and Reimburse members if required to pay "high income" premiums"; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage with the MedAdvantage Plan will likely continue a monthly premium savings to the City for every Medicare-eligible Member; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor LEOFF 1 referred the proposed motion to the City Council for approval at the December 1, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council affirmed the LEOFF 1 motion in part by approving Resolution No. 15-43 on December 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The LEOFF 1 Board has requested that the City reimburse Medicare Part B premiums based on current Standard Premium Amounts; and

WHEREAS, Medicare Part B Premiums Standard Amounts are subject to change each year and this Resolution will require the City to reimburse based on the current Standard Premium Amount; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and LEOFF 1 Board have agreed to the following amended terms for Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursements:

- 1) The City of Oak Harbor shall reimburse Medicare Part B Premiums for LEOFF 1 Members that are Medicare-eligible as long as the Board agrees to continue to be enrolled on the MedAdvantage plan provided through AWC for all Medicare Eligible Members and all future Medicare Eligible Members; and
- 2) The City of Oak Harbor shall reimburse LEOFF 1 Members for Part B Premiums based on the actual premium the Member is billed up to the Standard Premium amount; and
- 3) If a LEOFF 1 Member pays higher than the Standard Premium amount due to high-income threshold earnings or late penalties, then the Member shall be reimbursed the Standard Premium amount; and
- 4) The City of Oak Harbor shall not reimburse Medicare Part D Premiums due to high-income

threshold earnings that cause the Medicare Part B Premium to be greater than the Standard Premium, or due to late penalties; and

- 5) Medicare Standard Part B Premium Reimbursement Claims shall be processed by the LEOFF 1 Board Secretary (Secretary) as described in the current LEOFF 1 Rules, Policies and Procedures; and
- 6) The City of Oak Harbor will continue to provide Long-Term Benefits as governed by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.26.030(19).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oak Harbor accepts the motion as amended from the Oak Harbor LEOFF 1 Disability Board.

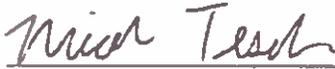
PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of May, 2017.

CITY OF OAK HARBOR



Bob Severns, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nicole Tesch, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Nikki Esparza, City Attorney