

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-61

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FAULKNER, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT FAULKNER COUNTY ORDINANCE 2013-03 REGARDING ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 13-03 was duly passed by the Faulkner County Quorum Court on February 19, 2013, amending Ordinance 88-15; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance 13-03 amended Ordinance 88-15 in order to expand eligibility to include other individuals associated with County service, including part-time Faulkner County employees, to participate in the County's health insurance plan at no cost to the County;" and

WHEREAS, due to recent changes in the health insurance market it is no longer feasible to include part-time Faulkner County employees in the list of eligible persons; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and beneficial to exclude part-time Faulkner County employees from the list of eligible persons able to participate in the County's health insurance plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Ordinance 2013-03 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1: It is in the best interest of Faulkner County, County elected officials, and retired employees, that they participate in the County's Health Insurance program.

ARTICLE 2: In addition to other eligible persons the following persons are eligible to participate in the County health insurance program, at the person's own expense, provided that the person meets all other eligibility requirements for the health insurance program:

- A. Former Faulkner County elected officials.
- B. Former and current Justices of the Peace.
- C. Authorized volunteers including Faulkner County Emergency Squad and Faulkner County Sheriffs Office Reserves.

- D. Former Faulkner County employees who:
  - a. Have at least 5 years' active County employment, or
  - b. Are retired and receiving County retirement benefits, or
  - c. Who have suffered a disability as determined by the Workman's Compensation Commission.

ARTICLE 3: Regarding the aforementioned persons, in order to participate and remain eligible the following requirements must be met, in addition to all other County health insurance program eligibility requirements:

- A. The person must complete and maintain the required documentation with the County Clerk's office; and,
- B. Payment of the premium must be made at the person's expense and must be made in a timely manner.

ARTICLE 4: This Ordinance shall not operate to terminate eligibility for any person who is currently participating in the County's health insurance program.

ARTICLE 5: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared separable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions.

ARTICLE 6: This ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and signature by the County Judge.

Approved by the Quorum Court on \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Darter  
Faulkner County Secretariat  
Dated:

Affirm: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Baker  
Faulkner County Judge  
Dated:

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