

CHAPTER 54

MISUSE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONIES

SECTION 1.

Any person who does any of the following acts shall be subject to the provisions specified in Section 4 of this ordinance:

- a. With intent to secure public assistance for him/herself or for some other person, willfully makes any false representation;
- b. Willfully does any act designed to interfere with the proper administration of public assistance;
- c. A dependent person who sells or exchanges supplies or articles furnished him or her as assistance or who disposes of such supplies or articles in any other way than as directed, with intent thereby to defraud the county, and/or any person who purchases any article knowing it to have been furnished to another person as assistance;
- d. Without legal authority sends, brings, causes to be sent or brings, or advises any dependent person to go to the county for the purpose of making him or her a charge upon the county;
- e. A person in charge of public assistance or any of his assistants who receive or solicit any commission or derive or seek to obtain any personal financial gain through any purchase, sale, disbursement, or contract for supplies or other property used in the administration of public assistance;
- f. A person originally eligible for assistance who receives any income, assets, or both thereafter and fails to notify the officer or agency granting such assistance of the receipt of such assets within 10 days after such receipt and continues to receive aid;
- g. A dependent person who uses money, checks, vouchers or any other thing of value furnished him/her as relief for purposes other than as directed by the county;
- h. Who obtains for him/herself, or any other person or dependents or both, assistance under Chapter 49 of the Wisconsin Statutes on the basis of facts stated to authorities charged with the responsibility of furnishing assistance and fails to notify said authorities within 10 days of any change in the facts as originally stated and continues to receive assistance based on the original stated facts;
- i. Who accepts a relief voucher granted as relief and fails to tender the commodities authorized by the relief authority to the relief recipient but in lieu thereof refunds to the relief recipient cash or substitutes any alcohol beverages or cigarettes not authorized by the relief voucher.

SECTION 2.

Public assistance includes assistance obtained through the food stamp program.

SECTION 3.

Any person who makes any statement in a written application for aid under Chapter 49 of the Wisconsin Statutes, shall be considered to have made an admission as to the existence, correctness or validity of any fact stated, which shall be taken as prima facie evidence against the party making it in any action brought for the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 4.

Any person who violates any provision of Section 1 of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$500 together with costs of prosecution and penalty assessment; and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail until such forfeiture and costs be paid, but not to exceed 30 days.

SECTION 5.

Any future amendments, revisions, or modifications of Wisconsin statutes Section 49.12 incorporated herein, are intended to be made part of this ordinance as such amendments, revisions, or modifications are made to said Statute.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its proper passage and publication pursuant to Wisconsin law.

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