

ORDINANCE 2015-11

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE USER TRANSPORT FEE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2007-27 AND OTHER INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hiram has an organized Fire Department, qualified and equipped to provide and furnish Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for residents of the Village and by contractual agreement to the residents of the unincorporated area of the Township of Hiram, Portage County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hiram Village provide funding for this service through a tax levy approved by voting residents; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hiram Township provide funding for this service through a contract between Hiram Village and Hiram Township; and

WHEREAS, non-residents do not monetarily support the EMS operations of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Hiram Village has entered into an agreement with Lifeforce Management Incorporated for EMS Billing Services and Lifeforce Management has suggested an increase in service fees for Hiram EMS transports; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, a majority or more of the members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1: The fee schedule set forth in the current Appendix "A" of the Lifeforce Management Billing Services Agreement is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: The Transport fees for a Basic Life Support (BLS) service occurrence; for an Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS 1) service occurrence; and for an Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2) service occurrence and EMS transport fees, mileage charges are established for BLS, ALS 1, and ALS 2 transports all in accordance with Appendix "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Without transport, there is no fee for BLS or ALS services.

SECTION 3: In the event of any Hiram Village or Hiram Township resident who is transported by Hiram EMS, after all other available means of payment have been exhausted, the Village shall treat revenue from local taxes and under the contract between Hiram Village and Hiram Township as full payment and shall not bill the resident for the balance owed.

SECTION 4: For purposes of this legislation only, a resident shall be defined as a person residing within the Village or Township of Hiram with an Ohio Driver's License or state identification card showing a Hiram Village or Township address, and/or voter registration with a Hiram Village or Township address, or such other proof of residency as is acceptable to the Village of Hiram Budget and Finance Committee.

SECTION 5: Any person employed in the Village or the Township or students who reside on-campus and do not meet the above definition of a “resident” are considered to be non-residents.


SECTION 6: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an opening meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Passed on first reading March 10, 2015.



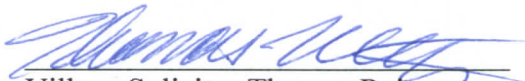
Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan

Approved as to Form:



Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz

I, SUSAN SKROVAN Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution or Ordinance No. 2015-11 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.
3-11-15 Susan J. Skrovan
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram