

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18

Introduced by Monty Tapp

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.

WHEREAS, the City of Huron Fire Division responds to more than one thousand Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls per year, and it is anticipated that number will increase significantly, with a large number of users being nonresidents as hereinafter defined;

WHEREAS, the City has a contract with Huron Township (the "Township") to provide fire and EMS service to residents of the Township;

WHEREAS, the residents of the City support the cost of EMS services through a fire levy and through the City's income tax, and the residents of the Township support the cost of EMS services through a fire levy; and

WHEREAS, residents of both the City nor the Township receive EMS services without payment; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services fees should be updated for nonresident EMS services, which fees should be applied to the overall cost of operation of the City's Fire Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

Section 1. That there shall be, and hereby is, established a fee for EMS services provided by members of the Huron Fire Division to users who are not residents of either the City of Huron or the Township of Huron as follows:

Basic Life Support	\$800.00 per call
Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS 1)	\$900.00 per call
Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2)	\$1,100.00 per call
Mileage	\$16 per call

"Resident" shall mean a person whose actual residence is within the City of Huron or Township of Huron, Erie County, Ohio, or members of his or her immediate household.

The levels of service set forth above shall mean:

"Basic Life Support (BLS)" is transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, including BLS ambulance services as defined by the State of Ohio. The ambulance must be staffed by an individual who is qualified in accordance with State and local laws as an emergency medical technician—basic (EMT-Basic) or above.

“Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS 1)” is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention.

“Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2)” is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or infusion excluding crystalloid fluids or (2) ground ambulance transport and the provision of at least one of the following ALS 2 procedures:

- Manual defibrillation/cardioversion;
- Endotracheal intubation;
- Central venous line;
- Cardiac pacing;
- Chest decompression;
- Surgical airway;
- Intraosseous line.

Section 2. All funds generated and actually received from the foregoing charges, after first deducting all fees and expenses incurred in collecting such funds, shall be deposited into the General Fund to be used to offset the overall cost of operation of the Fire Division, as such cost of operation is defined in the City/Township Emergency Services Agreement, before billing the Township for its contractual share of the net cost of operation in accordance with the then current contract for Emergency Services.

Section 3. The City Manager, with the approval of this Council, shall establish and publish rules and regulations and shall establish other charges, fees and rates incidental to the operation of the emergency medical/ambulance services of the City and not inconsistent with this Ordinance which the City Manager deems necessary and advisable and shall file those rules, regulations, charges, fees and rates with the Clerk of this Council.

Section 4. The City Manager, with the approval of this Council, shall establish a policy for charity care and/or discounts for the fees imposed through this Ordinance based generally upon Federal poverty levels.

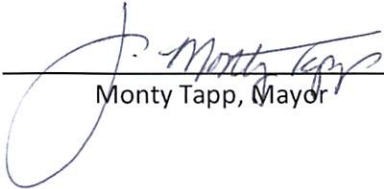
Section 5. The City Manager, or his designee, shall be responsible for the administration of the policies and fees set forth in this Ordinance, including the approving of charity care and/or discounts in accordance with the policy established therefor.

Section 6. If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.


Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in

meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 8. In accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron, Ohio, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its adoption.



Monty Tapp, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 25 JUN 2024

