

ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-55

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, REPLACING CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE REGULATING EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF PHARR; DECLARING THAT THE CITY WILL BE SOLE PROVIDER OF EMERGENCY AMUBLANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, a privately owned and operated ambulance company had furnished public and emergency ambulance service to the Citizens of Pharr for many years; and

WHEREAS, such privately owned and operated ambulance company is on the verge of discontinuing such ambulance services in the City of Pharr in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the continuance of emergency and non-emergency ambulance services and emergency medical services to the citizens of Pharr is of utmost important to the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of Pharr, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pharr, Texas has investigated and determined that there is a public need for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services; and that the further regulation and provision of such ambulance services is intended to be a valid exercise of police power by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has decided to provide emergency ambulance services, as, in the judgment of the City Commission, are necessary and reasonable for the continuing health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Pharr; and

WHEREAS, the City deems it in the best interest of the Citizens that it declare that the City of Pharr Emergency Medical Services Department ("City EMS") will be the sole provider of emergency ambulance services within the City of Pharr city limits; and

WHEREAS, in order to safely and effectively manage the number of private ambulances within the City, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the city to adopt regulations governing private ambulance service in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission therefore desires to amend the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50 Article III as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANIED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, THAT:

Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to declare that the City of Pharr Emergency Medical Services Department is the sole provider of emergency ambulance response to emergency calls for service and to regulate private ambulance service within the City.

SEC. 50-86. DEFINITIONS. As used herein the following words shall have the meaning indicated:

- (a) **ALS** means advanced life-support emergency medical service vehicle qualification. A vehicle qualifies as an advanced life-support emergency medical services vehicle if it:
 - (1) When response-ready or in-service, authorized EMS vehicles operating at the ALS level shall be staffed at a minimum with one EMT Basic and one AEMT or EMT- Intermediate
 - (2) has sufficient equipment and supplies for providing intravenous therapy and endotracheal or esophageal intubation; and
 - (3) has two-way radio communications.
- (b) **Ambulance** means any vehicle equipped or used for transporting wounded, injured, or sick persons, but specifically excludes funeral coaches and vehicles used for patient transfers.
- (c) **Ambulance Personnel** means a person who has the duty of performing or assisting in the performance of an ambulance call, including driving, or acting as an attendant on an ambulance.
- (d) **BLS** means basic life-support emergency medical services vehicle qualification. A vehicle qualifies as a basic life-support emergency medical services vehicle if it is designed for transporting the sick or injured and has sufficient equipment and supplies for providing basic life-support.
- (e) **City** means and refers to the City of Pharr, Texas, and its city limits.
- (f) **Critical Care Transport** means the provision of medical care by a critical care transport team to a patient requiring critical care transport by a critical care transport agency such that the failure to initiate on an urgent basis or maintain during transport acute medical interventions, pharmacological interventions, or technologies would likely result in sudden, clinically significant or life-threatening deterioration in the patient's condition.
- (g) **Emergency ambulance** means an ambulance used, designed, or redesigned for the purpose of transporting the sick or injured, providing basic life-support, advanced life-support, or mobile intensive care, the rendering of first aid, and/or assisting in rescue operations while the vehicle is being operated under emergency conditions.
- (h) **Emergency/9-1-1call** means a request for ambulance service in which the element of time in transporting the sick, injured or wounded for medical treatment is essential to the health or life of such person.

- (i) **Emergency circumstances** mean the existence of circumstances in which the element of time in transporting the sick, injured or wounded for medical treatment is essential to the health or life of such person.
- (j) **Emergency medical service advisory designee (EMSAD)** means the individual (normally the EMS Chief or his designee) authorized to oversee the operation of the ambulance service system.
- (k) **Emergency patient** means a person in whom a sickness or injury may cause a significant risk to the person's life or limb. Such sickness or injury may include, but is not limited to, trauma (major injury to the body, head, or extremities), chest pain, abdominal pain, unconsciousness, delirium, imminent delivery of a child, and serious infection.
- (l) **Emergency run** means an emergency ambulance trip, that may require the use of warning lights or sirens, to the place where an emergency exists or from the place of the emergency to a hospital, medical clinic or office, or other appropriate destination for the patient.
- (m) **EMS Chief** means the director of the EMS Department designated by the City Manager to enforce and administer this Ordinance, or the Director's authorized representative.
- (n) **MICU** means mobile intensive care unit. Emergency ambulance service that utilizes a vehicle designed and qualified as an advanced life-support emergency services vehicle as defined herein and has sufficient equipment and supplies to provide cardiac monitoring, defibrillation, cardioversion, drug therapy, and two-way radio communication, and when response-ready or in-service, authorized EMS vehicles operating at the MICU level shall be staffed at a minimum with one EMT Basic and one certified or licensed EMT-Paramedic.
- (o) **Neonate/Pediatric Transport Personnel** means a registered nurse, physician, or respiratory therapist specially trained in the emergency and transport care of newborn and pediatric patients.
- (p) **Operate** means to drive or to be in control of an ambulance.
- (q) **Operator** means the driver of an ambulance, the owner of an ambulance, or the holder of a private ambulance service license.
- (r) **Owner** means the person to whom state license plates for a vehicle were issued.
- (s) **Person** means any individual, corporation, business, trust, partnership, association, or other legal entity.
- (t) **Pharr Public Safety Communication Center** means the central communications center of the City of Pharr.
- (u) **Private ambulance** means an ambulance constructed, equipped, and used for transporting sick, injured, or deceased persons under circumstances that do not constitute an emergency and have not been represented as an emergency.
- (v) **Private ambulance service** means the business of transporting, for compensation, sick, injured, or deceased persons under circumstances that do not constitute an

emergency and have not been represented as an emergency. (BUT SEE DEFINITION OF TRANSPORT SERVICE)

- (w) **Private Ambulance Service Registration** means a permit issued by the City to allow a private ambulance service to operate within the City. A private ambulance service becomes registered when it applies, meets the requirements specified in this Ordinance, and has been approved by the City.
- (x) **Registered Agency** means a person or entity authorized under this article to engage in private ambulance service. The term includes any owner, operator, driver, ambulance personnel, employee, or agent of the licensed business, but does not include a subcontractor.
- (y) **Response time** means the total elapsed time between the moment the licensee's dispatch center personnel have received a request for services and patient location (i.e., "time call received") and the moment the licensee's responding unit arrives upon the scene of the emergency incident (i.e., "time unit arrived").
- (z) **Special event** means any parade, sporting event, concert, or other event or gathering requiring on-site standby medical personnel.
- (aa) **Specialized Emergency Medical Services Vehicle** means a vehicle that is designed for responding to and transporting sick or injured persons by any means of transportation other than by standard automotive ground ambulance or rotor or fixed wing aircraft that has sufficient staffing, equipment, and supplies to provide for the specialized needs of the patient transported. This category includes, but is not limited to, watercraft, off-road vehicles, and specially designed, configured, or equipped vehicles used for transporting special care patients such as critical care or burn patients.
- (bb) **Street** means any street, alley, avenue, boulevard, drive, highway, or other surface commonly used for the purpose of travel within the corporate City limits of the City.
- (cc) **Transport Service** shall include:
 - 1. The non-emergency pickup and delivery within the limits of the City of sick, injured, or wounded persons where the element of time in transporting said sick, injured, or wounded persons (patients to or from a hospital, rest home, or other health care facility) is not essential to the health or life of such patient. Such transport vehicles shall be at a BLS as a minimum during the transport of a patient. The transport service regulated hereby does not regulate the pickup of a patient outside the City.
 - 2. Responding to an Emergency/ 9-1-1 Call. Such transport vehicles shall have as a minimum of a MICU vehicle and a paramedic attendant, unless directed otherwise by City emergency personnel (i.e., major emergency situations with multiple injuries).

SEC. 50-87 AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- A. The City Emergency Medical Services Department (City EMS) shall provide all emergency ambulance response to emergency calls for service within the City except as provided herein.
- B. The City EMS department shall be the sole primary provider of all emergency medical services upon the streets, alleys or any public way or place within the City; provided, however, the City EMS Department may authorize registered private ambulance services to provide transport service and special event services when City EMS Services are not available.
- C. The City shall charge fees for non-emergency and emergency ambulance services in the City provided in response to all calls for service received by the City EMS Department.
- D. The person receiving emergency ambulance service, whether transported by ambulance or treated without being transported by ambulance and any person contracting for the service shall be responsible for payment of all fees. In the case of service received by a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be responsible for payment of all fees.

SEC. 50-88 PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

- A. A person commits an offense if he operates a private ambulance service within the City without a valid private ambulance service registration issued by the City or operates or attempts to operate a private emergency ambulance service within the City in violation of this Ordinance. Proof of registration shall be prominently displayed on the rear driver side of the ambulance.
- B. A person commits an offense if he advertises or causes to be advertised the operation of a private ambulance service that does not have a valid private ambulance service registration granted under this Ordinance when the advertisement is reasonably calculated to be seen by persons seeking private ambulance service in the city.
- C. A person commits an offense if he transports or offers to transport, for compensation, a sick, injured, or deceased person by private ambulance from a location within the City to a location either inside or outside the City without holding or being employed by a person holding a valid private ambulance service registration issued under this Ordinance.
- D. A person commits an offense if he hires or employs a private ambulance service to pick up a sick, injured, or deceased person in the city when he knows the private ambulance service does not have a valid private ambulance service registration under this Ordinance.
- E. No person shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise be engaged in the operation of medical transfer services upon the streets of the City without first having registered in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

- F. An exception shall be made on emergency services furnished for calls originating outside the City.
- G. Specialized Emergency Medical Services Vehicles are exempted from the registration requirements of this Ordinance.

SEC. 50.89 PRIVATE AMBULANCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a private ambulance service registration, a person must make written application to the EMS Chief containing the following:

- (1) The name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address of the owner(s) of the ambulance service, the trade name under which applicant does business, and the street address and telephone number of the business establishment from which the private ambulance service will be operated.
- (2) The form of business of the applicant and, if the business is a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or association, a copy of the documents establishing the business and the name and address of each person with a direct interest in the business.
- (3) A brief description of the experience and history of the ambulance service as well as a minimum of three references, one of which must be from a hospital located in Hidalgo County, with the name and business phone number of a contact person, capable of evaluating the ambulance service provider in a comprehensive manner.
- (4) Proof of a registration from the Texas Department of State Health Services to operate as an emergency medical services provider.
- (5) A brief description of the method by which emergency ambulance service is to be provided and coordinated with local hospitals, police, and fire departments, and 911 emergency service, as applicable, in the City.
- (6) The location and description from which the ambulance(s) will operate within the service delivery districts.
- (7) The number and description of the ambulance(s), including photos, the make, model, year of manufacture, Vehicle Identification Number, state license number for the current year, and a description of the equipment in each ambulance for providing emergency medical service.
- (8) Identity of the persons who will operate the ambulance(s) and their certifications issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- (9) A statement that the applicant agrees to comply with this Ordinance and all local, state, and federal laws.
- (10) A statement that the applicant will render satisfactory and efficient ambulance service in accordance with criteria and standards generally recognized in the emergency ambulance business.

- (11) A certificate of insurance verifying insurance in the amounts set forth in this division for the full term of the proposed registration.

SEC 50-90. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION

- (A) The EMS Chief or his/her designee may recommend the issuance of a registration to the City Manager if he/she determines:

(1) That the applicant maintains a sufficient number of ambulances with adequate equipment to efficiently serve the general public in the City and that the granting of such license will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the general public.

(2) That the applicant has filed with the EMS Chief or his/her designee insurance policies providing insurance coverage for each vehicle owned or operated by the applicant for injury to or death of persons in accidents resulting from any cause for which the owner or operator of the vehicle would be liable on account of any liability imposed on such person by law, regardless of whether the ambulance was being driven by the owner or owner's employee, agent, agent, or lessee. Applicant shall provide coverage in all categories equivalent to the 911 contract provider:

(3) Liability for injury to any one person, \$1,000,000

(a) Liability arising out of one occurrence, for injury to one or more persons arising out of one occurrence, \$1,000,000.

(b) Property damage, per occurrence, \$1,000,000.

(c) The applicant has provided a certificate of malpractice insurance of \$1,000,000 for each claim. The applicant shall provide malpractice insurance on "occurrence" rather than a "claims made" basis. That is, as long as the incident occurred during the policy period, coverage shall be provided no matter when the claim is made, even if the claim is made several months or years after the actual event took place or after this contract or the insurance policy expires.

(d) The certificate of insurance shall show general liability coverage for the applicant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. If a license is issued, the licensee shall name the City as an additional insured on such policies.

(e) Insurance required under this section must include: (1) a cancellation provision in which the insurance company is required to notify the City EMS Department in writing not fewer than ten (10) days before canceling, failing to renew, or making a material change to the insurance policy; and (2) a provision to cover all vehicles, whether or not owned by the registrant, operating under the private ambulance service registration.

(4) That the applicant and applicant's agents and employees hold all licenses required by state laws.

- (5) That a satisfactory method of communication between registrant and the City EMS Department, including any agency within the City which may be tasked with enforcement of this chapter, has been agreed upon.
 - (6) All applicants shall make their ambulances available for an inspection at a time and date set by the City EMS Chief or his designee.
 - (7) As a condition of obtaining a registration, the applicant or its designated agent shall execute a hold harmless, defend and indemnification agreement with the City.
- (B) The recommendation made by the City EMS Chief or his/her designee may be appealed to the City Manager.
- (C) The City Manager shall make a final determination which shall be final and not appealable.
- (D) Issuance of Registration.
- (1) After receipt of an application for registration as required by this chapter, the City EMS Chief and/or his/her designee shall consider such application and shall review any information the applicant may wish to present.
 - (2) Upon receipt of a recommendation by the City EMS Chief or his/her designee a final determination shall be made by the City Manager, which shall be final and conclusive and without appeal.
- (E) Registration Issuance Requirements.
- The public convenience and necessity require the proposed ambulance or transport service for which the application has been submitted. In determining whether public convenience and necessity require the registration of the proposed ambulance or transport service, the City Manager and/or his/her designee shall consider whether the public is, at the time, adequately served, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the number, kind and type of equipment, certification levels of personnel on units, the schedule of rates proposed to be charged, the increase traffic congestion upon the streets of the City, the demand for increased parking space upon the streets which will result, whether the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved, and such other facts as may be relevant to the above, including the services provided by the City EMS Department at this time.

SEC. 50-91. - REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS.

- (a) Minimum equipment and facilities.
- (1) All persons operating such ambulances and rendering emergency service shall have all licenses and/or certificates required by state law and shall comply with all rules and regulations prescribed by the Texas State of State Health Services.
 - (2) The registrant shall maintain an office in Hidalgo County which is accessible to the public and staffed at least 30 hours per week during normal working hours.
- (b) Personnel and Staffing Requirements.

- (1) All ambulances of registrant shall be staffed with personnel in accordance with state department of health guidelines and Title 25, Texas Administrative Code.
- (2) One hundred percent of the registrant's emergency response staff shall possess current basic EMT or higher qualifications.
- (3) The registrant shall require that all personnel wear uniforms during the performance of their duties, which uniforms shall be adopted by registrant, and which will allow the general public to readily identify such personnel as emergency ambulance personnel.
- (4) When on duty, registrant's personnel shall carry on their person photo identification cards and certifications issued by the state department of health establishing their certification.

(c) Operation of Ambulances.

- (1) No company, except as stated in Section 50-88, shall operate any ambulance upon the public streets in rendering ambulance services in response to calls unless holding a valid registration from the City, and until such ambulance has been certified for such usage by the City EMS Chief or his/her designee, and the owner of such ambulance and the person operating same have complied with all rules and regulations prescribed by the City, and shall have complied with the statues of the state pertaining to the operation of ambulances and are the holders of valid permits and/or licenses for such purpose.
- (2) No company shall operate any ambulance upon public streets in rendering of non-emergency services, such as transferring patients from hospitals, nursing homes, physicians' offices or other medical facilities or private residences, unless holding a valid registration from the City and until such ambulance has been certified for such usage by the City EMS Chief or his/her designee, and the owner of such ambulance and the person operating same have complied with the rules and regulations prescribed by the City, and have complied with the statues of the state pertaining to the operation of ambulances and are holders of valid permits and/or licenses for such purposes. It shall be unlawful for any company to operate an ambulance within the City without displaying a valid City of Pharr private ambulance service registration license.
- (3) Private ambulance service registrant's facilities and ambulances are subject to random inspection for Ordinance compliance by applicable City staff. Registrant holder shall also make records available for review to applicable City staff to determine Ordinance compliance.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for the owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment or any person to knowingly hire or summons any ambulance in violation of this Ordinance.

SEC. 50-92. - TERM OF LICENSE; RENEWAL.

A private ambulance service registration expires one year from the date of issuance. Furthermore, upon successful acquisition of a new ambulance service contract the

registrant will be required to prepay the fee in reference to the length of time of the contract and complete the renewal application for registration.

SEC. 50-93. REGISTRATION FEES.

(1) *Registration Fees.* All registrations issued under the terms hereof shall terminate one year from the date of issuance and may be renewed by filing a renewed application at least 30 days prior to such date. Prior to the issuance of an approved registration, the applicant shall pay a sum of \$500.00 to the City, which sum is considered as the reasonable and necessary cost to administer this chapter and registrations issued hereunder.

(2) *Inspection fees.* A successful applicant shall pay for such license the sum of \$150.00 per every ten ambulances presented for inspection. Said sum is considered as the reasonable and necessary cost to administer this chapter and registrations issued hereafter. The registration sticker must be displayed clearly on the left rear door of the ambulance. If the ambulance unit fails inspection, the company will be given 30 days to bring vehicle back for re-inspection, if the ambulance company is not in compliance within those 30 days, the registration fee will not be refunded.

SEC. 50-94. – PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE REGULATIONS

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, other than a member of the City EMS Department, or any town, county, state or agency of the United States, or duly appointed representative of the City, to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the operation of emergency ambulance service, transport service, or special event EMS service, upon the streets, alleys or any public way or place within the City, for the purpose of treating and/or transporting patients within the City, except in the following circumstances:

1. A person shall operate an emergency ambulance within the City to render assistance during a catastrophe or major emergency, whether an emergency exists, if requested to do so by the City EMS Department, in writing via mutual aid agreement, when City EMS Department emergency ambulances are determined to be insufficient in number or inadequate for other reasons.
2. A registered agency may operate a private ambulance within the City as a backup emergency ambulance if requested to do so by the City EMS Department, in writing via mutual aid agreement, when City EMS Department emergency ambulances are not available for emergency calls, transport service, or special events.

3. A registered agency may operate a private ambulance on an emergency run if, upon providing transport within the City in response to transport that originated outside the City, the registered agency determines that an emergency exists requiring the sick or injured person to be transported with all practical speed to a hospital and notifies the City EMS Department of the emergency run.
 4. A registered agency may operate a private ambulance on an emergency run if, while performing the service of maintaining a private ambulance at a particular location for a special event within the City, the registered agency determines that an emergency exists requiring a sick or injured person to be transported with all practical speed to a hospital and notifies the City EMS Department of the emergency run.
- B. This prohibition does not apply to the operation of an air ambulance that is regulated and certified by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and that is operating in compliance with state licensing requirements.
- C. Any person who operates a registered private ambulance on an emergency run under this section shall, if requested in writing by the City EMS Department, within 10 days of each emergency run, submit to the EMS Chief a report describing the circumstances requiring the emergency run.
- D. In the event a patient dies while being transported from one place within the City to another place within or beyond its limits, the registrant of such ambulance shall:
1. Immediately notify the City EMS Department of such death, by two-way radio or telephone; and
 2. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident, file a written report with the Chief of Police upon such forms as he may provide or prescribe, giving all information therein required and any other relevant information which the Police Chief may require.

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SEC. 50-96. - ALLOWABLE CHARGES.

- (a) Registrants are authorized to charge the rates prescribed and set forth in this division. The City of Pharr will not guarantee payment of such fees, nor will it process billing for the registrant. Fees shall be paid by persons receiving the service directly to the registrant. Registrants shall not charge for equipment, medical supplies and/or services provided by the City. Licensees shall not charge more than 125 percent of the Medicare prevailing rate for the City of Pharr for transportation. The City reserves the right and option to bundle bill and adjust as necessary for the betterment of the city.
- (b) The following rates shall be charged for emergency ambulance services in the City:

	Unit Price	
ALS 2 AMBULANCE	Amount	\$2,000.00

14-24 GAUGE CATHETER	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00
AIRWAY MAINTENANCE	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
ALCOHOL PREPS	Unit Price Amount	\$2.20
ALS EMERGENCY AMBULANCE	Unit Price Amount	\$1,800.00
ALS N-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE	Unit Price Amount	\$1,800.00
ALS SUPPLIES	Unit Price Amount	\$165.00
BAG VALVE MASK - ADULT	Unit Price Amount	\$50.00
BAG VALVE MASK - CHILD	Unit Price Amount	\$45.00
BANDAGES 5X9 / DRESSINGS	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00
BETADINE PREP	Unit Price Amount	\$2.00
BLEEDING CONTROL PROCEDURE	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
BLS EMERGENCY AMB	Unit Price Amount	\$1,400.00
BLS NON-EMERG (3RD TRIP)	Unit Price Amount	\$1,400.00
BLS NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT	Unit Price Amount	\$1,400.00
BLS SUPPLIES	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
CARDIAC 3/4/12 LEAD/INTERPRETATION	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
CHEST DECOMPRESSION KIT	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00

CHEST DECOMPRESSION PROCEDURE	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
CHEST TUBE MANAGEMENT	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
CLOTH TAPE - 2"	Unit Price Amount	\$5.50
CLOTH TAPE 1"	Unit Price Amount	\$5.50
COLD PACK / HOT PACK	Unit Price Amount	\$45.00
CPAP - CONT AIRWAY PRESS VENT	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
CPAP CIRCUIT	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
CPR	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
DEFIB / CARDIOVERSION	Unit Price Amount	\$200.00
DIPHENHYDRAMINE HCL INJ 50 MG	Unit Price Amount	\$59.00
DISPOSABLE BLANKET	Unit Price Amount	\$15.00
DRUG - ADENOSINE 1 MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUG - DILTIAZEM 5MG VIA IV	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUG - DOPAMINE HCL 40MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUG - ORAL GLUCOSE	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUG -METHYLPREDNISOLONE 125MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - ALBUTEROL 0.083% 3ML	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00

DRUGS - ASPIRIN @ 81MG	Unit Price Amount	\$4.00
DRUGS - ATROPINE @ 1MG 10ml	Unit Price Amount	\$67.00
DRUGS - ATROVENT 0.5MG/2.5ML	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - BENADRYL 50 MG/ML 1ML1	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - DEXTROSE 50% 500ml	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - EPI 0.1 mg injectable	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - EPI @ 1:10,000 1ml	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - FUROSEMIDE 20 MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - GLUCOSE 15G	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS IV NORMAL SALINE 250CC	Unit Price Amount	\$35.00
DRUGS - LABETALOL 10MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - LACTATE RINGERS 1000ML	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - LIDOCAINE 1% 10ML	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - MAGNESIUM SULFATE	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
DRUGS - MIDAZOLAM HCL 1 MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - MORPHINE SULFATE 2MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - NALOXONE 1 MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00

DRUGS - Ondansetron HCl 1MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - PHENERGAN 25MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - SUCCINYLCHOLINE 20MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS - THIAMINE 100 MG	Unit Price Amount	\$39.80
DRUGS- Fentanyl citrate IV	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
DRUGS -NITROGLYCERIN TAB/SPRAY	Unit Price Amount	\$35.00
DRUGS-SODIUM BICARB 8.4% 50mEq	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
EKG - ELECTRO PADS DISPOSABLES	Unit Price Amount	\$28.00
EKG - PAPER STRIPS DISPOSABLES	Unit Price Amount	\$3.00
EKG "UNILEAD" 12 LEAD ELECTROD	Unit Price Amount	\$70.00
EMESIS BASIN / BAG	Unit Price Amount	\$9.00
ENDTIDAL CO2 MONITOR- DETECTOR	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
ET STYLET - ADULT	Unit Price Amount	\$11.00
ET STYLET - CHILD	Unit Price Amount	\$11.00
ET TUBE	Unit Price Amount	\$28.00
ET TUBE TAMER - ADULT	Unit Price Amount	\$3.00
ET TUBE TAMER - CHILD	Unit Price Amount	\$3.00

EXTRA ATTENDENT	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
GLOVES DISPOSABLES	Unit Price Amount	\$7.00
GLUCOMETER	Unit Price Amount	\$40.00
GLUCOSE MISC SUPPLIES	Unit Price Amount	\$29.00
GROUND MILEAGE	Unit Price Amount	\$35.00
IMMOBILIZATION - BACKBOARD SPL	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
IMMOBILIZATION - C-COLLAR	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
IMMOBILIZATION - HEAD BLOCKS	Unit Price Amount	\$50.00
IMMOBILIZATION - SPIDER WEBING	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
IMMOBILIZATION PROCEDURE	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
INTRAOSSEOUS NEEDLE	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
INTUBATION	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
IV - 10 GTTS MACRO SET	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00
IV - DRIP SET	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00
IV - LACTATED RINGERS 1000ML	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
IV - SALINE FLUSH 10CC	Unit Price Amount	\$15.00
IV - START KIT	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00

IV - VENIGARD	Unit Price Amount	\$15.00
IV - VENIGUARD	Unit Price Amount	\$20.00
IV ADMIN SET	Unit Price Amount	\$49.50
IV PUMP	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
IV SUPPLIES AND CATHETER	Unit Price Amount	\$175.00
KERLEX	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
LEUR LOCK	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
MAC/LARYNGOSCOPE BLADE- ALL SZS	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
Midazolam hydrochloride 1MG	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
NASAL INTUBATION KIT	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
NEBULIZER	Unit Price Amount	\$28.50
NEBULIZER MASK	Unit Price Amount	\$40.00
NEEDLE 18G - 22G	Unit Price Amount	\$20.00
NON-COVERED MILEAGE	Unit Price Amount	\$35.00
NON-REBREATHER MASK	Unit Price Amount	\$45.00
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NPA (NASAL PHARYNGAL AIRWAY)	Unit Price Amount	\$20.00

O2 TUBING	Unit Price Amount	\$8.00
ONDANSETRON HYDROCHLO INJ 1MG	Unit Price Amount	\$36.00
OPA (ORAL PHARYNGAL AIRWAY)	Unit Price Amount	\$6.00
OXYGEN	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
OXYGEN MASK/NASAL CANNULA	Unit Price Amount	\$50.00
PILLOW DISPOSABLES	Unit Price Amount	\$10.00
PULSE OXIMETRY	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00
RAPID SEQUENCE INDUCTION	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
RATE FLOW EXTENSION SET	Unit Price Amount	\$75.00
RETURNED CHECK FEE	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
ROTOR	Unit Price Amount	\$27,500
ROTOR MILEAGE	Unit Price Amount	\$250.00
Special Care Transport (SCT)	Unit Price Amount	\$2,000.00
SHEETS DISPOSABLES	Unit Price Amount	\$16.50
STERILE - 4X4 OR 2 X 2	Unit Price Amount	\$12.10
SUCTION - AIRWAY MAINT	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00
SUPERGLOTIC AIRWAY	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00

SYRINGE 1CC - 10CC	Unit Price Amount	\$15.00
TRAUMA CONTROL PROCEDURE	Unit Price Amount	\$150.00
TREATMENT / NO TRANSPORT	Unit Price Amount	\$50.00
VACUTAINER HOLDER	Unit Price Amount	\$5.50
VACUTAINER LUER ADAPT / NEEDLE	Unit Price Amount	\$5.50
VENT - SINGLE USAGE CIRCUIT	Unit Price Amount	\$50.00
VENTILATOR AIRWAY MAINTANCE	Unit Price Amount	\$100.00
WAITING TIME 1/2 HR INCREMENTS	Unit Price Amount	\$50.00
WC MILEAGE	Unit Price Amount	\$3.00
WHEELCHAIR BASE	Unit Price Amount	\$20.00
Medical Records	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
Copy of EMS Bill	Unit Price Amount	\$25.00
Fixed Wing	Unit Price Amount	\$25,000
Fixed Wing Mileage	Unit Price Amount	\$250.00
EMS DEDICATED SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES		
MICU Ambulance	Unit Price Amount	\$140.00
ALS Ambulance	Unit Price Amount	\$125.00

BLS Ambulance	Unit Price Amount	\$118.00
EMT-Paramedic	Unit Price Amount	\$45.00
EMT-Advanced	Unit Price Amount	\$37.50
EMT-Basic	Unit Price Amount	\$30.00

* If patient is pronounced dead at the scene of an incident after the ambulance is called, charges will be limited to base rate and any supplies used at the scene.

SEC. 50-97. -RECORDS REQUIRED.

True and accurate records of activities in the City shall be kept as required by local, state, and federal law, including the following:

- (1) The number of emergency calls made;
- (2) The name of the person requesting emergency service, and the location thereof;
- (3) The time that the call was received, the time that the ambulance was dispatched and the time of arrival at the destination (the response time);
- (4) The nature of the call; and
- (5) The charges made for the call.

SEC. 50-98. - CITY'S RIGHT OF INSPECTION.

The City reserves the right to periodically inspect each and every registrant, including inspection of all permits, licenses, certificates, records, and equipment of registrant to ensure that all requirements of this division are being met, that the equipment provided meets all legal requirements, and to ensure that the personnel operating ambulances and rendering service hold current valid certifications issued by the state department of health and are properly trained in the operation of the ambulance, the use of all equipment and the performance of all required procedures.

SEC. 50-99. RESERVED RIGHTS OF CITY.

The City reserves the right to grant an exclusive contract, enter Interlocal Agreements and Mutual Aid Agreements, for emergency ambulance service for such period of time as it deems necessary to a qualified registrant upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon between the parties, subject to the requirements and conditions of this division. If so designated, only the City EMS Department or its Designated provider shall respond to emergency calls.

SEC. 50-100. ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY OF CITY.

The registrant, as a condition of the issuance of a registration under this division, agrees to assume all risks incident to or in connection with the operation of an ambulance service within the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and agrees to be solely responsible for all accidents, injuries, or damages of whatever nature to persons or property caused by or resulting from the registrant's operation. The registrant shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, liens, or injuries to persons or property of whatever nature arising directly or indirectly from the registrant's operation.

SEC. 50-101. UNLAWFUL OPERATIONS AND PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly:

- A. Follow any police car, ambulance or fire apparatus which is responding to an emergency call on the streets of the City.
- B. Solicit on the streets of the City the business of transporting injured or sick persons.
- C. Intercept any communication concerning emergency incidents within the City and divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purpose, effect or meaning of such intercepted communication and no such solicitor, owner or person, not being entitled thereto, shall receive or assist in receiving any such message emanating through the radio medium of the EMS, Police, or Fire Department for his own benefit or for the benefit of another solicitor, owner, operator, or person in the business of furnishing ambulance service.
- D. Use on a vehicle a siren and/or emergency warning light(s) without prior authorization by the City EMS Chief, unless on an emergency run.
- E. Use a uniform, insignia, badge, title, identification card, or vehicle marking for the purpose of identification to the public or others as an authorized provider of emergency medical services without prior approval from the City EMS Chief.
- F. Operate or cause to be operated an ambulance on any street of the City or provide ambulance standby services at any location within the City without first having registered in accordance with this Ordinance or unless exempted therefrom by the provisions of this Ordinance.
- G. Operate a private ambulance or use any equipment in providing private ambulance service that fails to comply with all minimum safety and equipment standards for a basic life support vehicle by the Emergency Medical Services Act (Chapter 773, Texas Health and Safety Code), as amended, or by any rule or regulation promulgated under that act.
- H. Sell or attempt to sell any plan including subscription to provide any ground ambulance services within the City limits which are not allowed by this Ordinance or any applicable law.

- I. Request the services of any ambulance which is not registered in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or exempted therefrom by the provisions of this Ordinance.
- J. Give false information to induce the dispatch of an ambulance or helicopter rescue unit.
- K. Give false information on applications for private ambulance registration.

SEC. 50-102. ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; INJUNCTION AND OTHER REMEDIES.

- (1) Pharr Police Department Officers may assist in the enforcement of this Ordinance. A police officer, upon observing a violation of this Ordinance or the rules and regulations established by this Ordinance, may take necessary enforcement action to ensure effective regulation of private ambulance service.
- (2) Any person, company, registrant, or emergency service provider who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense. Each offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars.
- (3) Any person, company, registrant, or emergency service provider who violates this Ordinance may have its registration cancelled by the City Manager on recommendation of the EMS Chief or his or her designee.
- (4) The City Manager may enforce this Ordinance through injunctive relief and any other relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (5) This section shall not serve to limit any other remedies available to the City in law or equity.
- (6) Any registrant cancelled under this section may not reapply for registration for a period of six months.

SEC. 50-103- MONTHLY REPORT REQUIRED

Registrants shall file a monthly written report to the EMS Chief or his or her designee within ten days after the last day of each month, setting forth the date and time of each emergency call, the origin thereof, the address where such call was made, the place where such user was delivered, the elapsed time between receipt of call and completion of service.

SECTION 20: REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE(S)

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and replaced with this ordinance.

SECTION 21: SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part thereof.

SECTION 22: PUBLICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE

The requirement that this Ordinance is to be read on three (3) separate meetings is hereby waived and dispensed with and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately after approval and passage. Publication, if necessary, may also be in caption form as allowed under Section 9 of the Pharr City Charter

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, on this the 21st day of November 2022.

CITY OF PHARR

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AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE SECOND READING BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, on this the 5th day of December 2022.

CITY OF PHARR

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AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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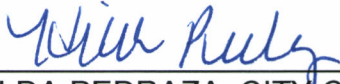
PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, on this the 19th day of December, 2022.

CITY OF PHARR



AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:



HILDA PEDRAZA, CITY CLERK