

## **AMBULANCE SERVICES**

TO ENACT ORDINANCES FOR THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE PARISH OF EAST FELICIANA; TO REGULATE OR PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS OR PROHIBITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDINANCE TO PRIOR ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Police Jury of the Parish of East Feliciana, Louisiana in regular session assembled that:

### **SECTION 1: TITLE**

The title of this section of ordinances shall be “Ambulance Regulations”.

### **SECTION 2: ORDINANCES**

#### **I. IN GENERAL**

##### **Purposes, authority, and general requirements.**

- A. By the authority granted to local governing authorities, municipalities and parish governments, by the State of Louisiana, it is the intent of this Jury to enact such ordinances as are necessary to regulate the provision of ambulance services in an effort to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, residents, and visitors to the municipality.
- B. In accordance with La. R.S. 33:4791, the governing authority of each parish government within the State of Louisiana shall have the power to adopt ordinances for the regulation of ambulance services operated by private individuals or companies within the corporate limits of said parish.
- C. Additionally, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:4791.1, the Louisiana Legislature finds and declares that:
  - 1) The provision of consistently high-quality emergency medical care, and any and all aspects attendant to ambulance operation to be provided within a medically acceptable response time is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of this parish, the state, and its people.
  - 2) Privately operated ambulance services providing patient transportation service or emergency medical services fulfill a vital health and safety need within this parish and the state. The operation of such ambulance services operated within the jurisdiction of this jury enables this parish to provide the benefits of privately operated, demand-responsive ambulance services to its people.
  - 3) The economic viability and stability of such privately operated ambulance services are consequently a matter of statewide importance.
  - 4) In accordance with the policy of the State of Louisiana, the policy of this jury is to promote medically acceptable and reliable, privately operated ambulance services, furnishing of emergency medical services, and any and all aspects attendant to

ambulance operations in order to provide the benefits of that service to its citizens. In furtherance of this policy, this parish recognizes that the regulation of such privately operated ambulance services is an essential governmental function.

- D. As authorized by the Louisiana Legislature, this jury has the authority to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens by licensing, controlling, and regulating by ordinance privately operated ambulance services, the furnishing of emergency medical services, and any and all aspects attendant to ambulance operations within the jurisdiction of this parish. This jury is empowered by the Louisiana Legislature to regulate:

- 1) Entry into the business of providing ambulance service, including emergency medical services, within the jurisdiction of this parish;
- 2) Rates charged for the provision of ambulance services, in accordance with federal law relative to medical reimbursement, including emergency medical services;
- 3) Establishment of safety and insurance requirements;
- 4) Any other requirement adopted to ensure safe, reliable, and responsive ambulance service, even if such requirement is anticompetitive in effect;
- 5) Limited or exclusive access by such ambulance service for the provision of emergency medical services to the 911 or other emergency communications dispatch; and
- 6) The establishment of safety and insurance requirements even if such requirements reduce the number of such private ambulance services that otherwise would operate within the jurisdiction of the parish.

- E. Additionally, the Parish of East Feliciana jointly with the authority of the municipalities of Clinton, Jackson, Norwood, Slaughter and Wilson, have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Parish, including the named cities, to contract with an exclusive provider of emergency and non-emergency ambulance service, in order to demand accountability, to guarantee the stability and access to ambulance service for a set term, and to facilitate a Parish-wide emergency response plan.

## II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Ambulance. "Ambulance" or "Private Ambulance" means any authorized emergency vehicle equipped with warning devices, designed and operated as part of a regular course of conduct or business to transport a sick or injured or which is advertised or otherwise held out to the public as such. "Ambulance" shall not mean a hears or other funeral home vehicle utilize for the transportation of the dead. Said vehicle shall provide space for a driver, two (2) attendants and a minimum of two (2) litter patients so positioned that at least one (1) patient can be given intensive life support during transit.
- B. Advanced Life Support Ambulance. "Advanced Life Support Ambulance" means any publicly or privately owned vehicle equipped or used for transporting the wounded, injured, or sick by stretcher including emergency vehicles used for that purpose, but not including funeral coaches used exclusively for the transportation of the dead. Said vehicle shall provide space for a driver, two (2) attendants and a minimum of two (2) litter patients so positioned that at least one (1) patient can be given intensive life support during transit. The vehicle must be permanently equipped, as part of its regular equipment, with the minimum essential equipment in appropriate sizes for treating

infants, children, and adults consistent with the requirements set forth the statutes of the State of Louisiana and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health. An “Advanced Life Support Ambulance” shall be staff with no less than one (1) Paramedic and one (1) Certified EMT-Basic.

- C. Basic Life Support Ambulance. “Basic Life Support Ambulance” means a ground ambulance vehicle with medically necessary supplies and services for the provision of Basic Life Support ambulance services. A “Basic Life Support Ambulance” must be staffed by an individual who is qualified in accordance with state and local laws as an EMT-Basic.
- D. Owner-Operator. “Owner” or “Operator” means any person who owns or controls an ambulance for purposes of providing both emergency and nonemergency medical care and transportation.
- E. Driver. “Driver” means any person who physically drives an ambulance.
- F. Certified EMT – Basic. “Certified EMT-Basic” means an individual who has successfully completed an emergency medical technician-basic training program developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation and adopted by the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, who is nationally registered, and who is licensed by the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- G. Certified Advanced EMT. “Certified Advanced EMT” means an individual who has successfully completed an advanced emergency medical technician training program developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation and adopted by the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, who is nationally registered, and who is licensed by the Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- H. Paramedic – “Paramedic” refers to any person who has successfully completed a state approved and Nationally Accredited Paramedic Course and who has successfully completed the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician’s Paramedic Psychomotor and Cognitive test, and who has been subsequently licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services as a Paramedic.
- I. Public convenience and necessity. “Public convenience and necessity” shall mean that there exists a current and permanent need for additional ambulance service in the municipality and that the existing ambulance operator currently holding a valid permit to operate within the municipality, after being notified by the municipality of such need, failed to provide the additional service determined necessary, within the period of time provided by the municipality to fill such need.
- J. Sprint Unit. “Sprint Unit” means any emergency vehicle with fully visual and audible warning signals operated by a certified ambulance service, the primary purpose of which is to respond to the scene of a medical emergency to provide emergency medical stabilization or support, or command, control, and communications, but which is not an ambulance designed or intended for the transport of a patient regardless of its designation.
- K. Emergency Medical Service Board. “Emergency Medical Service Board” means a board comprised of at least three members of the Police Jury (or Parish Council) or other individuals as appointed by the President of the Police Jury (or the Parish President) for the purpose of determining the emergency medical service needs of the municipality and the compliance of any ambulance service with the provisions of this chapter.

- L. Advanced Life Support. "Advanced Life Support" refers to advanced pre-hospital emergency medical care rendered by personnel certified and licensed as an Advanced EMT and Paramedic level and working under direct or standing orders, or protocols, from a physician.
- M. Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services or CAAS. "Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services" or "CAAS" is a national accreditation for the ambulance industry established to encourage and promote quality patient care and America's medical transportation system. Accreditation signifies that in England service has met the "gold standard" determined by the ambulance industry to be essential in a modern emergency medical services provider. The CAAS standards are designed to help increase operational efficiency and decrease risk and liability across the entire spectrum of the organization.
- N. Person. "Person" includes any person, firm, partnership, association, company, or organization of any kind.

### III. PERMIT REQUIRED

No owner or operator of an ambulance shall respond to any request for ambulance services originated within the parish without first obtaining a permit to operate an ambulance service from the Police Jury or their designee.

### IV. APPLICATION FOR PERMITS

Applications for permits shall be made to the Police Jury on forms prescribed by the jury and shall include:

- A. Name and address of the owner or operator of ambulance to me;
- B. A description of the ambulance or ambulances, including the make, model, year of manufacture, Louisiana license number for the current year, motor and chassis number, and a statement regarding the length of time the vehicle has been in use;
- C. Location description of the place or places from which such ambulance or ambulances are intended to operate;
- D. Proof of insurance in such form and in such amounts as required by this ordinance;
- E. Financial statements, including balance sheets and profit and loss statements, for a period of not less than two years or, in the case of an applicant for a permit who has not been providing ambulance service for a minimum of two years, financial statements, and federal tax returns of the principles of such applicant, or a period of not less than two years;
- F. Documentation of current accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services;
- G. Such other information as Police Jury may find reasonably necessary to a fair determination of whether the provisions of this chapter have been complied with.

### V. QUALIFICATION FOR PERMIT

In determining whether a permit shall issue, the Police Jury shall give weight and due regard, among other things to:

- A. The probable performance and quality of service offered by the applicant, to include, among other things, proof of financial responsibility, the establishment and maintenance of a bona fide office in the parish, or within the parish where the municipality is located, from which the services offered, and the ability of the applicant to provide both 24-hour emergency and nonemergency response;
- B. The experience that the applicant has had in the rendering of emergency medical services;
- C. The financial ability of the applicant to respond in damages in the past experience in payment of judgments and satisfaction of claims, if any, arising out of the operation of such vehicles;
- D. That insurance as required by this chapter has been secured;
- E. The character and condition of the vehicle or vehicles to be used as determined after inspection as required by this chapter and the ability of the applicant to have available for use and 24-hour operation in the parish such number of ambulances as may be required to meet the emergency medical services needs of the parish, all of which are capable of providing advanced life support care by a Certified Paramedic;
- F. That all requirements of this chapter and all other applicable laws and ordinances have been complied with;
- G. That the applicant has a certificate from the Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board certifying that public convenience and necessity require the proposed ambulance service; and
- H. That the applicant presents a current certificate of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services.
- I. That the applicant verify compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations regulating the provision of emergency medical services.
- J. That applicant is designated as a secondary Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) equipment.

Upon finding that a permit shall issue, the Police Jury shall issue to the applicant a permit authorizing the owner or operator to operate within the parish.

## VI. INSURANCE REQUIRED

- A. Before any permit is issued hereunder, the applicant must file with the Police Jury policies of general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and medical legal liability insurance issued by an insurance company qualified to business State of Louisiana, which shall contain the following conditions and stipulations and shall be approved as to form by the parish attorney.
  - 1) The term of such insurance policies shall be for a period of not less than one year;
  - 2) The general liability and automobile liability insurance policy shall provide not less than limits of liability for each accident causing bodily injury (including death at any time resulting therefrom), \$1 million for each person, \$1 million for each accident, and \$1 million for property damage sustained in any accident;

- 3) The medical malpractice insurance policy or policies shall provide limits of liability for each accident causing bodily injury (including death at any time resulting there from) of \$500,000 for each person and \$500,000 for each accident;
  - 4) the worker's compensation insurance policy or policies shall provide coverage for statutory benefits up to an aggregate amount for anyone claim in the amount of \$1 million;
  - 5) such policy shall, by its own terms, provide that it may not be canceled except after 30-days written notice thereof to the Police Jury or the municipality.
- B. Any owner operator who failed to secure another policy of insurance prior to cancellation of an existing policy shall automatically and without notice of hearing suffer suspension of this permit until such time as such insurance policy has been filed with the Police Jury of the parish.
  - C. Participation in the state patient's compensation fund shall be deemed to be medical legal liability insurance within contemplation of this chapter.
  - D. Any person who operates an ambulance without having such insurance in force shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

## VII. INSPECTION OF AMBULANCES

Before any permit shall be issued hereunder, all the ambulances listed in that application shall be inspected by the OHSEP Director, or his designee, and shall be certified to be improper mechanical condition.

- A. The inspections required herein shall be conducted annually;
- B. after each inspection, certificates of inspection shall be issued for those vehicles which are mechanically fit and meet all standards for ambulance equipment as set out in this chapter;
- C. each owner of an ambulance lacking the mechanical inspection certificate or ambulance equipment required shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be punished as hereinafter provided;
- D. the owner and/or operator of any ambulances ambulance has a mechanical defect or lack ambulance equipment as required by this chapter shall be given seven days in which to have it corrected. After the expiration of seven days, the name, registration, license number of each indolence remaining uncertified shall be given to the sheriff for enforcement.

## VIII. QUALIFICATION OF DRIVERS

- A. No person shall drive an ambulance on the streets of the parish and no person who owns or controls an ambulance shall permit it to be so driven unless the driver shall have been in possession a class E chauffeurs license by the state;
- B. Before driving any ambulance in the parish, each driver shall provide a copy of his current traffic and police record to the parish;
- C. No person shall qualify to drive an ambulance unless that person has reached the age of 18 years;

- D. No person shall qualify to drive an ambulance within the municipality unless that person is a state certified EMR, certified EMT basic, certified Advanced EMT, or certified Paramedic as defined herein;
- E. No person shall qualify to operate an ambulance within the parish unless that person has never been convicted anywhere under the laws of this state or any other state, the United States or other applicable laws of the parishes and cities of the offense of murder, aggravated battery, aggravated rape, simple rape, aggravated burglary, simple burglary, aggravated kidnapping, simple kidnapping, or bribery, simple robbery, possession, sale or use of narcotics, contribute to the delinquency of the juvenile, or indecent behavior with the juvenile, and has not been convicted two or more times of any traffic offense during the preceding year;
- F. No person shall qualify to operate an ambulance within the parish that unless that person has not been convicted of any other felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude against the criminal laws of this state or any other state, or of the United States, within the past five years, is not serve any part of the sentence thereof within five years and he is not presently charged there with, or with any of the felonies or misdemeanors set forth in this chapter, or with violating any of the provisions of this chapter;
- G. No person shall qualify to operate an ambulance within the parish of unless that person is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor, does not use any narcotic drugs, and is not suffering from any disease or infirmity which might make him an unsafe or unsatisfactory driver;
- H. Any qualified operator of an ambulance who shall be operating an ambulance within the parish, shall have a certificate of yearly driver training and training on emergency vehicle operations and procedures.

## IX. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

- A. No ambulance shall be allowed to carry a patient unless it meets the requirements of a Basic Life Support Ambulance if the patient is not an emergency patient. If a patient is an emergency patient, no ambulance shall be allowed to carry a patient unless it meets the requirements of an Advanced Life Support Ambulance.
- B. No person shall be permitted to serve as a Certified EMT-Basic, Certified Advanced EMT, or Certified Paramedic who does not hold a current license from the State of Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- C. No person shall serve as a Certified Paramedic and no person owning or controlling any ambulance shall permit any person to serve their own unless he also meets the following qualifications:
  - 1) He is a person of at least 18 years of age;
  - 2) He has successfully completed a state approved and nationally accredited paramedic course, has successfully completed the cognitive and psychomotor assessments administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, and has received licensure by the state of Louisiana Department of Health Bureau Emergency Medical Services as a paramedic.
  - 3) He has never been convicted anywhere in the laws of this state or any other state might United States other applicable laws parishes and cities of the offense of murder, aggravated battery, aggravated rape, simple rape, aggravated burglary,

simple burglary, aggravated kidnapping, simple kidnapping, armed robbery, simple robbery, possession, sale or use of narcotics, contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, or indecent behavior with a juvenile, and has not been convicted two or more times of any traffic offense during the year.

- 4) He has not been convicted of any other felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude against the criminal laws of this state or any other state, or of the United States, within the past five years, has not serve any part of the sentence thereof within five years, and he is not presently charged there with, or with any of the felonies or misdemeanors set forth in paragraph three of this subsection or with violating any of the provisions of this chapter.
  - 5) He is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor, does not use any narcotic drugs, and is not suffering from any disease or infirmity which might make him unsafe or unsatisfactory healthcare provider.
- D. No person shall impersonate, refer to himself, or otherwise hold himself out as it is EMT-Basic, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic without maintaining a current certification as such.

## X. STANDARDS OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT

- A. The equipment required in each ambulance shall include, at all times when ambulance is in use as such, equipment adequate in the judgment of the ambulance services medical director and with the agreement of the parish's appointed physician, for the dressing of wounds, splitting fractures, controlling hemorrhages, providing oxygen, and providing advanced life support care.
- B. No ambulance shall be operated unless it meets the requirements as set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health Ambulance Standards Division, or other such statutes or regulations of the state of Louisiana requiring minimum equipment on ambulances.

## XI. UNAUTHORIZED RESPONSE BY AMBULANCES

No ambulance shall make an emergency run based solely on information intercepted by use of a radio communication scanner or similar device unless that ambulance has been specifically requested to respond to such emergency through the East Feliciana Parish Communications Center or an appropriate emergency dispatch center connected to the e-911 system in operation in operation within the municipality and East Feliciana Parish. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit service to a subscriber of a commercial ambulance service. No person shall operate an ambulance in violation of this provision.

## XII. DENIAL, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION

- A. Every owner, operator, or driver license under this chapter shall comply with the provisions hereof and with all parish, state, and federal laws. Failure to do so will result in the Police Jury suspending or revoking the permit or license.
- B. The Police Jury may deny any applicant's permit or license whenever in the exercise of its reasonable and sound discretion and after notice and affording the applicant a hearing their own he shall determine that the applicant does not possess the necessary qualifications for such permit or license.



- C. Any party aggrieved by the granting or denial by the Police Jury of an applicant's permit may appeal such granting or denial the Police Jury by written notice given to the parish manager, by personal delivery, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Police Jury within 20 days of the date of the action of which complaint is made. The Jury shall afford the complaining party a hearing of its complaint. Notice of the hearing of the complaint must be given to all permitted providers of ambulance services, by personal delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least 10 days prior to such hearing.
- D. The Police Jury may suspend any permit or license issued under this chapter for failure or refusal to comply with provision of the chapter, such suspension to last for a period of not more than 30 days. The Police Jury may also revoke any permit or license for failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter. However, the permit may not be revoked unless the holder has received notice and has had an opportunity to present evidence on his behalf.
- E. Whenever a person who shall have been issued a permit or license under this ordinance shall be charged any port with a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or with any felony, or with violation of this chapter, the Police Jury is hereby given authority to suspend the permit or license pending final disposition of the charges against him, and to revoke same upon conviction thereof.

### XIII. FURTHER VIOLATIONS

If any person is found driving ambulance in violation of this chapter, in addition to all other penalties provided for herein, the Police Jury shall immediately take whatever action is necessary in order to revoke the permit or license held by the owner operator is that ambulance.

### XIV. PENALTY

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days, or both, for each offense.

### XV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This chapter shall become effective upon its option. All persons presently owning, operating, or driving an ambulance must be qualified under the applicable provisions of this chapter or before the effective date.

### XVI. SEVERABILITY

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of the Statutes or Titles adopted herein by reference and made part of these ordinances shall be severable. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of any of the Statutes or Titles referenced herein is declared unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise invalid by judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of the Statutes and Titles adopted herein by reference and made part of this Code.

## **XVII. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS REPEALED**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, or resolutions or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

## **XVIII. SURVIVAL**

The repeal of any provision of any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or other provision or part of any of the Statutes or Titles adopted herein by reference and made part of these ordinances shall not affect any offense committed or act done prior to the effective date of such repeal, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred for an offense committed under the provision repealed or any prosecution or suit pending at the time of such repeal for an offense committed under the provisions repealed.

## **SECTION 3: AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT GRANTED TO THE POLICE JURY**

- I. The East Feliciana Parish Police Jury shall, on behalf of Clinton, Jackson, Norwood, Slaughter and Wilson, every four (4) years, select and contract with an ambulance service to be the sole provider of ambulance services (both emergency and non-emergency) for the Parish and the Municipalities for a period of four (4) years, with two (2) additional three (3) year renewal options.
- II. The Police Jury is hereby empowered to negotiate and execute an exclusive four-year agreement, with two additional three-year options to renew for sole provider of ambulance services, both emergency and non-emergency, on behalf of the Parish and the above-named Municipalities.
- III. It shall be illegal for any person(s) or entity to operate an ambulance service with transportation originating in the Parish or the participating Municipalities, to provide Public or Private standby services within the Parish or the participating Municipalities, other than the designated Provider (or an employee thereof) under contract with the Parish and the participating Municipalities. Any such unauthorized operation of an ambulance service shall result in fine up to and including the maximum fine allowable for the violation of parish or municipal ordinances and the maximum sentence of incarceration that may be imposed for the violation of a parish or municipal ordinance per violation, or both, and impoundment of vehicles used in such illegal operation for each violation. Further, the Parish, and the participating Municipalities, hereby recognizes that any such unauthorized operation of an ambulance service would constitute an impairment of the contract between the designated sole Provider and the Parish and the participating Municipalities.
- IV. No provider shall be considered to contract with the Parish and participating municipalities unless the following standards are met:
  - a. Accredited for operation in Louisiana by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services.
  - b. With respect to financial information required by Parish prior to licensing (or upon renewal), provide full audited financial statements.
  - c. Employ a full-time Physician, licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as Medical Director who will ensure compliance with medical protocols and oversee quality of care issues for the Provider.
  - d. Have a functioning Global Positioning Satellite Tracking unit on every ambulance which the Provider seeks to operate in the Parish.

- e. Policies of general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance, workers compensation insurance, and medical legal liability insurance by an insurance company qualified to do business in the State of Louisiana, which shall contain the following conditions and stipulations:
    - i. The term of such insurance policies shall be for a period of not less than one (1) year.
    - ii. The general liability and automobile liability insurance policies shall provide not less than limits of liability for each accident causing bodily injury (including death at any time resulting therefrom) One Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each person, One Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each accident and One Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for property damage sustained in any accident.
    - iii. The medical malpractice insurance policy(ies) shall provide limits of liability for each accident causing bodily injury (including death at any time resulting therefrom) of Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00) for each accident.
    - iv. The workers' compensation insurance policy(ies) shall provide coverage for statutory benefits up to an aggregate amount for any one claim in the amount of One Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)
    - v. Such policies shall, by its terms, provide that it may not be cancelled except after thirty (30) days written notice thereof to the Parish.
    - vi. Participation in the Patient's Compensation Fund of the State of Louisiana as set forth in La. R.S. 40:1231.4, *et. seq.* shall be deemed to meet the requirements with regards to medical legal liability insurance within the contemplation of this ordinance.
  - f. Be designated as a secondary Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) equipment.
- V. Consistent with Section IV above, the contract for exclusive ambulance services shall include, in addition to other requirements, minimum insurance requirements, Advanced Life Support equipment requirements, accreditation requirements, and an established fee schedule governing the services provided by the ambulance provider to the citizens of the parish, which shall not, under any circumstances be lower than the prevailing Medicare rates.
- VI. The exclusive contract for the provision of emergency and non-emergency ambulance service shall be assignable by the selected provider only with the mutual and express written approval of the Police Jury.

#### **SECTION 4: CONCLUSION**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of adoption by a majority vote of the Parish Police Jury and Section 3 of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of execution of a sole provider contract as provided for herein.

All other ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.