

ORDINANCE NO. 18449

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, SECTION 13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ON AMBULANCE SERVICE AND FEES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois (City) has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize that the Code of Ordinances should be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a home rule unit of local government.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the remainder of this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2: That Chapter 12, Section 13 shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12-13. - Ambulance service and fees.

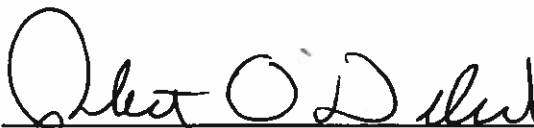
- (a) *General.* The fire department of the city is hereby authorized to operate an emergency ambulance service and to impose and collect fees for certain services as set forth herein. The Finance Director for the City of Joliet shall bill or cause to be billed to such Patient treated or transported, to the patient's insurance company, to Medicare or, if such patient has not obtained the age of 18, then to such Patient's parent or legal guardian, those Ambulance Fees that may be approved by the City from time to time based on a flat fee structure for ambulance services, which includes Basic Life Support (BLS) transport, for Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport and Advanced Support #2 (ALS II) transport, and for mileage charges.
- (b) *Fee for Ambulance Services.* Effective January 1, 2023, the City of Joliet shall charge a flat rate of \$2800.
- (c) *Fee for assisting private ambulance services.* Any private ambulance service or company which requests and receives assistance during patient care or transport shall pay a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per city fire department responder.
- (d) *Mileage fee.* In addition to any other fee, all persons transported by the city fire department to or from a medical treatment facility shall also pay a mileage fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per mile.
- (e) *Partial waiver of fee for residents and city-based employees.* That portion of the fees authorized by this section that is not covered by a third party shall be waived for the following persons:
 - (1) Residents of the city; and
 - (2) Non-residents who are employed by employers located within the city and who require BLS, ALS 1 or ALS 2 services while acting in the course of and within the scope of their employment.

The partial waiver authorized by this sub-section shall not be granted if such action would reduce or otherwise adversely affect the third-party payment to the city.

(f) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings provided herein:

- (1) *Basic life support.* The provision of basic life support (BLS) services as defined in the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint for the Emergency Medical Technician—Basic (National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint), including the establishment of a peripheral intravenous (IV) line.
- (2) *Advanced life support services, level 1.* The provision of an assessment by an advanced life support (ALS) ambulance provider or supplier and the furnishing of one (1) or more ALS interventions. An ALS assessment is performed by an ALS crew and results in the determination that the patient's condition requires an ALS level of care, even if no other ALS intervention is performed.
- (3) *Advanced life support services, level 2.* The administration of at least three (3) different medications or the provision of one (1) or more of the following ALS procedures:
 - a. Manual defibrillation/cardioversion.
 - b. Endotracheal intubation.
 - c. Central venous line.
 - d. Cardiac pacing.
 - e. Chest decompression.
 - f. Surgical airway.
 - g. Intraosseous line.
- (4) *ALS provider or supplier.* A provider trained to the level of the EMT-intermediate or paramedic as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.
- (5) *ALS intervention.* A procedure beyond the scope of an EMT-basic as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.

PASSED this 3rd day of January, 2023


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: Councilman Clement, Councilwoman Gavin, Councilmen Guerrero, Hug, Morris, Mudron, Councilwomen Quillman, and Reardon.

VOTING NO: None.

NOT VOTING: Mayor O'Dekirk.



City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Memo

File #: 644-22

Agenda Date: 1/3/2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James V. Capparelli, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Section 13 of the Code of Ordinances on Ambulance Service and Fees

BACKGROUND:

The last time that the City Council amended the Ambulance service and fees ordinance was in April of 2019. The Administration has reviewed the current rates with the City's billing consultant, Andres Medical Billing. During this review, it determined that the current rates do not reflect the cost to the City.

The proposed ordinance continues to include a provision to write-off the private pay portion for services provided to Joliet residents. The City will continue to waive the outstanding portion owed by the residents after it receives the Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance payments. The analysis indicates that the proposed rates will be expected to generate an additional \$933,750.00 on an annual basis without increasing costs on Joliet residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Mayor and the City Council approve the attached ordinance amending the Ambulance Services and Fees.



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Approver Report

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