

ORDINANCE NO. 2009- 91

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT, ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY", SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 137.15 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES", AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council wishes to amend the Codified Ordinance Section 137.15 entitled "Emergency Ambulance Service Fees" in order to change mileage rates and conform language to the proper poverty guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least seven (7) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby amend Chapter 137, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent by changing Section 137.15 entitled "Emergency Ambulance Service Fees" attached hereto, a copy of which is marked as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein to the said Chapter.

SECTION 2. That 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 open 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 of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: 8/19/09
DATE

MAYOR AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2009- 91 was duly enacted this 19 day of _____ August _____, 2009, by the Council of the City of Kent, Ohio

CLERK OF COUNCIL

EXHIBIT "A"

137.15 EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES.

(a) Definitions:

- (1) **Basic Life Support (BLS)** - Emergency -When medically necessary, the provision of Basic Life Support services, as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint for the EMT Basic, including the establishment of a peripheral intravenous line. An emergency response is one that, at the time the ambulance supplier is called, is provided after the sudden onset of a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the beneficiary's health in serious jeopardy; in impairment to bodily functions; or in serious dysfunction to any bodily organ or part.
- (2) **Advanced Life Support, Level I (ALS1)** - Emergency - When medically necessary, an assessment by an advanced life support provider and/or the provision of one or more ALS interventions, in the context of an emergency response. An advanced life support provider is defined as a provider trained to the level of the EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic as defined in the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. An ALS intervention is defined as a procedure beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic.
- (3) **Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2)** - When medically necessary, the administration of three or more different medications and the provision of at least one of the following ALS procedures:
 - Manual defibrillation/cardioversion
 - Endotracheal intubation
 - Central venous line
 - Cardiac pacing
 - Chest decompression
 - Surgical airway
 - Intraosseous line
- (4) **Non-transport on-scene treatment** - When, in response to a request for service, medical treatment is rendered to a patient. Treatment can include the provision of BLS services, and the administration of medication, but transportation to a medical facility is declined by the patient. This does not include responses to uninvolved third party calls for service ("good intent calls") not originated by the patient or a family member of the patient, when no medical treatment is rendered. Further, this does not include occasional requests for mobility assistance services.
- (5) **Indigency-** as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines in place at the time of the service.
- (6) **Loaded mile-** shall mean the number of miles the patient is transported in the ambulance unit.
- (7) **Resident:** shall mean a person residing within the City of Kent, with an Ohio Driver's License or state identification card showing a Kent address, and/or voter registration with a Kent address, or such other proof of residency as is acceptable to the Fire Chief or his designee. (Ord. 2004-130. Passed 10-6-04)

- (b) Fees for emergency ambulance service shall be made as follows:
- | | <u>Fee</u> |
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| (1) <u>Basic Life Support-Emergency</u> | \$450.00 |
| (2) <u>Advanced Life Support- (ALS 1) Emergency</u> | \$550.00 |
| (3) <u>Advanced Life Support- (ALS 2) Emergency</u> | \$600.00 |
| (4) Cost per loaded mile for emergency transportation to an emergency medical facility | \$10.00 |
| (5) On scene treatment without transportation when the service is requested by the patient or immediate family of the patient, and is not requested by a "good intent" call | \$125.00 |
| (6) The City of Kent recognizes that residents of the City provide some payment for the City's emergency medical services through the collection of municipal taxes. Therefore, the City will charge resident Medicare/Medicaid patients only to the extent of their Medicare and/or other health care coverage (this provision waives deductibles or co-pays after all third party payers have made payment towards a residents account). | |
| (7) In instances in which a resident patient is unable to pay, the fee will be waived after any insurance benefits are credited, and the appropriate poverty guidelines are met. | |
- (c) Each individual receiving emergency ambulance service shall be billed for the service separately. The Department of Finance shall handle all billing, except when otherwise provided by separate contract and ordinance.
- (d) There shall be no charge for a family member who is permitted to accompany a patient. The Fire Chief or his or her designee shall determine who may or may not accompany the person receiving emergency ambulance service.
- (e) The emergency ambulance service shall respond only to an emergency call.
- (f) All funds collected for ambulance service shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.
- (g) In cases of services rendered by a mutual aid agency, the billing will be regulated by Medicare and Medicaid billing guidelines and will be administered by the transporting agency.
- (h) There will be no billing for services for any response that result in the treatment or transport of on-duty City of Kent employees.