

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 03-08-2020Passed 3-24-, 2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 06-54-2004 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE PROVIDING DIRECTIVES AND FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN HANDLING THE BILLING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Circleville is committed to providing all citizens emergency medical treatment and transportation as needed regardless of their financial ability to pay for said services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Circleville is desirous of providing all citizens effective and timely emergency transport, but due to the increased demands on municipal resources and services, the City has previously been forced to establish a fee schedule for services to be charged to those parties benefiting from these services; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased costs associated with providing these emergency medical transport services, it is now necessary to modify the fee schedule previously adopted and to further provide certain directives and factors to be considered by the billing and/or collection agency handling this billing for such emergency medical transport services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES:

The fees set forth herein shall be established and implemented for the following Emergency Medical Services originating from anywhere within the City's corporate limits effective immediately upon the passage of this ordinance;

- A. Advance Life Support ("ALS"): \$850.00 per patient transported plus \$14.53 per loaded mile from the location of patient pick-up to the hospital.
- B. Advance Life Support II ("ALS"): \$1,125.00 per patient transported plus \$14.53 per loaded mile from the location of patient pick-up to the hospital.
- C. Basic Life Support ("BLS"): \$690.00 per patient transported plus \$14.53 per loaded mile from the location of patient pick-up to the hospital
- D. EMS Response Without Transportation: No Charge
- E. The City or its Billing Agent shall bill the patient or the responsible party for any emergency medical services rendered in accordance with the State or Federal guidelines. Residents of the City of Circleville will be required to pay to the extent of their private or public medical insurance coverage. Co-payments and deductibles will not be sought from residents of the City of Circleville. Your taxes are considered as payment for co-payments and deductibles. Non-residents of the City of Circleville will be billed for any co-payments and deductibles. In the event the non-resident does not have insurance, they will be responsible for the full amount of the bill.

SECTION II. FACTORS CONSIDERED BY BILLING AND/OR COLLECTION AGENCY:

In handling the billing and collecting services for emergency medical transport services, the following factors shall be considered by the billing and/or collection agency.

- A. Indigent individuals should be considered for Waivers.
- B. Special hardship situations should be considered for payment plans or special arrangements.
- C. Uninsured patients not on Medicaid or Medicare may be referred to the Department of Jobs and Family Services to determine eligibility for coverage.
- D. An account with more than \$100.00 owing shall be sent to collection if no response has been received requesting insurance information or patient has not contacted the billing agency to make payment arrangements within ninety (90) of the request.

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E. Each case shall be reviewed for special circumstances on a case by case basis.

SECTION III. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Circleville, such emergency arising out of the immediate need for the implementation of these rate changes and payment factors so as avoid an undue burden upon municipal resources and so as to insure the City can continue to provide such emergency medical services so that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 3-24-2020

David M. Cooper
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: *Linda M. Gray*
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: 3-25-2020
DATE

Deborah R. McCreary
MAYOR

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AND APPROVED AS TO FORM