

ORDINANCE NO. 259

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING CHARGES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDED BY
THE FRANKFORT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 252 OF THE FRANKFORT FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Frankfort Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois (the "District") has previously adopted Ordinance No.252 entitled "An Ordinance fixing charges for life support emergency ambulance service provided by the Frankfort Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois and repealing Ordinance No. 252 of the Frankfort Fire Protection District"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to voter authority and upon the recommendation of the District Fire Chief, the Board should establish current reasonable costs for providing ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the District provides, or causes to be provided, an ambulance service within and to points outside the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the "Fire Protection District Act" "70 ILCS 705/22" authorizes the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District to "fix, charge and collect fees for ambulance service within or outside of the fire protection district not exceeding the reasonable cost of the service"; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that District residents pay taxes which contribute to the cost of the District's operation of ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that many non-residents of the District request and are provided ambulance service when they are within the jurisdiction of the District without contributing to the expense of providing such service; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Frankfort Fire Protection District that residents who are provided ambulance service when they are within the jurisdiction of the District be charged for the ambulance service provided; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is reasonable and proper to charge residents of the District and non-residents of the District for both emergency and non-emergency ambulance services provided to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Frankfort Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The preambles of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby incorporated in the text hereof as if set out herein in full.

SECTION 2: Emergency ambulance service charges. Fees for ambulance service shall be charged for residents, defined for purpose of this section as any person whose permanent address is within the district's corporate limits, and for non-residents as follows:

1. Each resident who is transported by ambulance with basic life support care shall be charged the fee set forth in the fee schedule in section 5 of this ordinance. "Basic life support (BLS)" is defined as care that involves the treatment of nonlife threatening injuries or illnesses, requiring only basic levels of care.
2. Each resident who is transported by ambulance with advance life support 1 care (ALS-1) shall be charged the fee set forth in the fee schedule in section 5 of this ordinance. "Advanced Life Support-I (ALS-1)" is defined as care that involves the use of various advanced medical procedures, the administration of medication, intravenous therapy, and electrocardiogram interpretation.
3. Each resident who is transported by ambulance with advance life support 2 care (ALS-2) shall be charged the fee set forth in the fee schedule in section 5 of this ordinance. "Advanced life support-2 (ALS-2)" is defined as care that involves the repetitive administration of medications and advanced airway intervention.
4. Each non-resident who is transported by ambulance with basic life support care (BLS) shall be charged the fee set forth in the fee schedule in section 5 of this ordinance. A nonresident constitutes any person whose permanent address of residence is outside the district's corporate limits.
5. Each non-resident who is transported by ambulance with advance life support- 1 care (ALS-1) shall be charged the fee set forth in the fee schedule in section 5 of this ordinance.
6. Each non-resident who is transported by ambulance with advance life support-2 care (ALS-2) shall be charged the fee set forth in the fee schedule in section 5 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Mileage fee.

1. In addition to the fees to be charged as set forth above, a fee as provided in the fee schedule in section 5 shall be charged for each mile a person is transported by ambulance, from pickup to drop-off.
2. The ambulance and mileage fees set forth in section 5 of this ordinance shall be increased annually, effective January 1 of each year, without further board action, pursuant to the applicable Medicare reimbursement rate or three percent (3%), whichever is greater.

SECTION 4: Lifting assistance fees.

1. The district shall charge a fee for providing lifting assistance to residents and non-residents in accordance with section 5 of this ordinance.
2. The district shall charge a fee for providing lifting assistance to any person on the premises of an assisted- living facility or a nursing care facility, the fee shall be assessed in accordance with section 5 of this ordinance and shall be charged to the facility.
3. For purposes of this ordinance, a lift assist shall mean a response by district personnel to assist in physically moving a person who does not require emergency medical treatment or transportation to a hospital.
4. For purposes of this ordinance, emergency medical treatment shall mean treatment beyond an initial assessment routinely performed by district personnel.
5. For purposes of this ordinance, assisted-living facility means an assisted living establishment licensed under the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act (210 ILCS 9 et. seq.) and any other residential setting that provides assisted-living services for remuneration to three (3) or more persons who reside in such residential setting and are not related to the owner of the residential setting and, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subdivision, includes a home, an apartment or a facility; assisted-living does not include a home, an apartment or a facility in which (i) casual care is provided at irregular intervals or (ii) a competent person residing in such home, apartment or facility provides for or contracts for his or her own personal or professional services if no more than 50 percent of the persons residing in such home, apartment or facility receive such services.

6. The billing for the twelve (12) month period shall be renewed January 1st of each year.
7. Billing for lifting assistance calls shall indicate the date, time, and nature of each non-emergency services call response, and shall specify the amount of fees owing.
8. Residents may within ten (10) days of receiving a bill for lifting assistance fees, submit a written request to the Fire Chief appealing the charges with supporting evidence of the existence of an emergency at the time of the call, or requesting a waiver of the fees and setting forth reasons for the request of a waiver.
9. The Fire Chief shall have thirty (30) days to review the report and shall determine if the lifting assistance call or calls were preventable, not preventable, or mistaken due to the nature of the call. The Fire Chief has the authorization to waive fees when, the best interests of the District and/or the community are served. If the Fire Chief finds the non-emergency services call or calls were preventable, the resident shall pay the non-emergency services call service fee within thirty (30) days.

SECTION 5: Fees for ambulance service.

Resident - Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$2,750
Resident - Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS-1)	\$2,750
Resident - Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS-2)	\$2,750
Resident - Mileage	\$20
Non-resident Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$2,750
Non-resident Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS -1)	\$2,750
Non-resident Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS -2)	\$2,750
Non-resident - Mileage	\$20
Lift assist 0-5 occurrences / calendar year	\$0
Lift assist 6-9 occurrences / calendar year	\$75
Lift assist 10+ occurrences / calendar year	\$100

SECTION 6: If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: All Ordinances specifically including Frankfort Fire Protection District Ordinance No. 252, resolutions, or other proceedings in conflict herewith, be and are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall become effective on its passage as of 12:01 AM on February 1, 2024.

PASSED this 16th day of January 2024 with 4 trustees voting aye, 0 trustees voting nay, with 0 trustees absenting or passing and said vote being:

Robert Jacobs AYE

Michael Minogue AYE

Justin Lohrens AYE

Vacant _____

James McGeever AYE

APPROVED.

/s/Robert Jacobs

**President
Frankfort Fire Protection District**

ATTEST:

/s/James McGeever, Jr.

**Secretary
Frankfort Fire Protection District**

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