

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 191

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 254.02 AND 254.03 OF CHAPTER 254 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES FOR TREATMENT AND TRANSPORT; TO ACCORDINGLY ADJUST CERTAIN FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Sections 254.02 and 254.03 of Chapter 254 of Title Six of Part Two of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville be and are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:

254.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them as follows:

- (a) "Basic Life Support" (BLS) services means any pre-hospital, non-invasive medical intervention requiring an emergency response by personnel certified at the levels of EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic employed by the City of Strongsville or another political subdivision responding to a call for emergency medical service in the City of Strongsville. An emergency response is one that, at the time assistance is requested, a response unit is dispatched immediately. **Basic Life Support skills, procedures and medical interventions are defined in the scope of practice by The Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS and Chapter 4765 of the Ohio Administrative Code.** ~~Medical interventions include, but are not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), oxygen administration, bleeding control, treatment of shock, splinting of fractures, childbirth, and patient assessment including taking and recording of patient vital signs, etc.~~
- (b) "Advanced Life Support Level I" (ALSI) services means ~~the provision of the following medical services requiring the immediate response of an ALS crew and vehicle, and including providing an ambulance transport service that provides equipment and staff needed to provide complex specialized life-sustaining procedures to patients under the direction of a physician who provides medical control. Such complex specialized life-sustaining services may include, but not be limited to, administering IV therapy, establishing and maintaining a patient's airway, relieving pneumothorax conditions, cardiac monitoring, etc. ALS service includes the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention. An ALS assessment is an assessment performed by an ALS crew as part of an emergency response that is necessary because the patient's reported condition at the time of dispatch is such that only an ALS crew is qualified to perform the assessment.~~ **any pre-hospital medical intervention requiring an emergency response by personnel certified at the level of EMT-Paramedic employed by the City of Strongsville or another political subdivision responding to a call for**

emergency medical service in the City of Strongsville. An emergency response is one that, at the time assistance is requested, a response unit is dispatched immediately. The Advanced Life Support ("ALS") crew, under the direction of a physician, is trained and equipped to perform complex, specialized, and life-sustaining medical interventions. ALS skills, procedures, and medical interventions are defined in the scope of practice by the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS and Chapter 4765 of the Ohio Administrative Code. ALS service includes the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention. An ALS assessment is an assessment performed by an ALS crew as part of an emergency response that is necessary because the patient's reported condition at the time of dispatch is such that only an ALS crew is qualified to perform the assessment.

- (c) "Advanced Life Support Level II" (ALSII) means ~~transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous administration (excluding crystalloid fluids) or (2) ground ambulance transportation and the provision of at least one of the following procedures: manual defibrillation/cardioversion; endotracheal intubation; central venous line; cardiac pacing; chest decompression; surgical airway; or intraosseous line. The monitoring of the listed interventions that were placed prior to the transport also qualifies as an ALSII procedure service, in addition to meeting the criteria for ALSI, wherein the administration of complex, specialized, and life-sustaining interventions take place including:~~

- (1) ~~At least three (3) separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous administration (excluding crystalloid fluids);~~
- (2) ~~Ground ambulance transportation; and~~
- (3) ~~The provision of at least one of the following procedures:~~
 - (i) ~~Manual defibrillation/cardioversion;~~
 - (ii) ~~endotracheal intubation;~~
 - (iii) ~~central venous line;~~
 - (iv) ~~cardiac pacing;~~
 - (v) ~~chest decompression;~~
 - (vi) ~~surgical airway; or~~
 - (vii) ~~intraosseous line.~~

~~The monitoring of any medical interventions that were placed prior to the transport also qualifies as an ALSII procedure. ALS skills, procedures and medical interventions are defined in the scope of practice by the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS and Chapter 4765 of the Ohio Administrative Code.~~

- ~~(d) "Life Assist" means any response where assistance was rendered by moving a person to or from the floor, chair, bed, wheelchair, etc. due to the physical disabilities of the person.~~
- (d) "Covered Person" means any individual entitled to benefits under a medical insurance policy.
- (e) "Transport" means to carry or convey a person by publicly owned or operated motor vehicle being used in response to a call for emergency medical service from one location to another.

- ~~(f) “Treatment, No Transport” means any response where treatment was performed, but no transport to a medical facility occurred. Treatment is defined as, but not limited to, providing oxygen, applying hot or cold compresses, fluid and medication administration, 12 lead EKG, wound care and pain management.~~
- (gf) “Welfare Check” means any good intent call by interested third parties to ensure the safety and well-being of another person. There is no charge for service as long as there was no medical treatment or transport.
- (hg) All of the foregoing definitions shall be subject to automatic adjustment by reason of changes in applicable Medicare regulations and definitions and/or other authorities, including but not limited to the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services CMS Manual System Publication 100-02 Medicare Benefits Policy Chapter 10, Section 30.1.1-Ground Ambulance Services; and Ohio Revised Code Sections 4765.37 and 4765.39 and any applicable provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, which are incorporated herein by reference.

~~(Ord. 2017-175. Passed 10-16-17.)~~

254.03 FEES.

Each person whether resident, real property owner in the City of Strongsville, or non-resident, including employees working within the City, calling for and/or receiving emergency medical service with transport from the City shall pay, **effective January 1, 2020**, a utilization charge therefor determined as follows:

- (a) For BLS services with Transport, the fee shall be ~~Five~~**Six** Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$~~550~~**650**.00) plus ~~Twelve~~**Fourteen** Dollars (\$~~1214~~.00) per mile.
- (b) For ALSI services with Transport, the fee shall be ~~Six~~**Seven** Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$~~650~~**750**.00) plus ~~Twelve~~**Fourteen** Dollars (\$~~1214~~.00) per mile.
- (c) For ALSII services with Transport, the fee shall be Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) plus ~~Twelve~~**Fourteen** Dollars (\$~~1214~~.00) per mile.
- ~~(d) For Treatment, No Transport, the fee shall be Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).~~
- ~~(e) For Lift Assist, the fee shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).~~
- (fd) The City will forgive for all Strongsville City residents or owners of real property within the City of Strongsville or employees working within the City of Strongsville **or to any covered person where the City has agreed to some other contractual obligation**, any outstanding balance resulting from the above fees after available insurance reimbursement is made on their behalf to the City. **Individuals receiving a medical transport agree to immediately remit to the City of Strongsville any payments they receive directly from insurance or any source whatsoever, for the services provided to them; and agree to assign all rights to such payments to the City of Strongsville.**
- (ge) The Director of Finance may waive the aforesaid fee or any portion thereof with regard to persons not included in subsection (fd) of this Section 254.03, where it is determined based upon supporting documentation that the non-resident person receiving the services is indigent or otherwise unable to pay for such services, and there is no

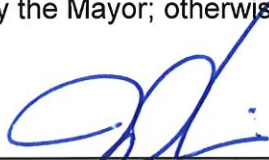
other source for the payment thereof. In such instances, the individual requesting the waiver shall have the burden of providing any documentation required, including but not limited to verification of income. The City's designated billing agent shall notify each party billed of the terms of this subsection in conjunction with the billing for the fee.

(hf) The charges herein shall be in addition to any other charges payable for such services, including, but not limited to, any tax levied, all or a part of which pays any portion of the cost of emergency medical services, and/or any charges for services rendered by others.

~~(Ord. 2017-175. Passed 10-16-17.)~~

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 any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that such provisions are necessary in order to provide for Fire Department responses for treatment and transport to a medical facility, and to adjust rates for emergency medical services accordingly consistent with current insurance guidelines and rates. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



President of Council

Approved: 
Mayor

Date Passed: December 16, 2019

Date Approved: 12-16-19

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Attest: 
Clerk of Council

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