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3 **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA**  
4 **Ordinance No. 2025 - 50**  
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7 **An Ordinance Amending the Hobart Municipal Code § 32.30 regarding the Ambulance**  
8 **Fund and Adopting Emergency Services Requiring a Fee to be Listed**  
9 **in the Fee Schedule**  
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana is authorized under the  
12 provisions of the Indiana Code, including but not limited to IC 36-8, to establish, maintain, and  
13 regulate fire protection and emergency services for the health, safety, and general welfare of its  
14 citizens; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the provision of emergency services are essential governmental functions  
16 that protect life, public safety, and property within the corporate limits of the City of Hobart,  
17 Indiana; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to adopt local provisions that supplement the state  
19 codes and authorize the local fire department to enforce these standards and direct operations at  
20 emergency incidents and initiate applicable fees; and

21 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Hobart, Indiana to  
22 establish clear provisions and guidelines for the operation and services to address emergency  
23 incidents within the City;

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of  
26 Hobart, Indiana as follows:

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28 *SECTION ONE:* The Municipal Code of the City of Hobart (“Code”), in CHAPTER 32,  
29 entitled “Funds and Finances” section 32.30 entitled “Ambulance Fund” is hereby  
30 amended by striking out the prior sections and inserting the new sections, language and  
31 headings as follows:

32 **§ 32.30 AMBULANCE FUND.**

33 (A) *Ambulance service.*

34 (1) The Hobart ambulance service, under the direction and control of the Board of  
35 Public Works and Safety, shall provide patients with emergency service only,  
36 primarily within the city limits of Hobart, and shall not be used for the  
37 transportation of non-emergency patients or deceased persons.

38 (2) An additional non-resident fee as set out in the Fee Schedule of this code shall  
39 be collected for each incident, regardless of the type of service provided, when the  
40 patient is not a resident at the time of the incident of the corporate boundaries of  
41 the City of Hobart, Indiana.

42 (B) Fees.

43 (1) The Fire Department shall collect the following fees for the following  
44 emergency medical services:

45 Each Incident of Basic Life Support ambulance service \$ 1,150.00

46 Each Incident of Advanced Life Support Service 1: \$ 1,500.00

47 Each Incident of Advanced Life Support Service 2: \$ 1,800.00

48 (2) An emergency medical services fee ~~in the amount of \$250.00~~ shall be  
49 collected for each incident where:

50 (a) Ambulance service is requested by, or on behalf of, a patient;

51 (b) Medical services are provided to the patient by emergency medical  
52 personnel;

53 (c) The patient refuses ambulance transport; and

54 (d) The Fire Chief determines that such services are beyond the scope of  
55 non-transport assistance normally provided without charge.

56 (3) In addition to the foregoing fees, a mileage charge ~~in the amount of \$17.50 per~~  
57 ~~mile or fraction thereof~~ shall be collected for each mile traveled by the City  
58 ambulance from its station point immediately prior to the incident to its return to  
59 that station point or another station point at the conclusion thereof; provided that,  
60 such charge shall be limited to the first five (5) miles of such distance traveled.

61 (4) An additional non-resident fee ~~of \$200.00~~ for each incident, irrespective of the  
62 type of service provided, shall be collected whenever the patient is not, at the time  
63 of the incident, a person whose residence is located within the corporate  
64 boundaries of the City of Hobart.

65 (5) The fees established in this subsection (B) ~~shall take effect on January 1, 2021~~  
66 ~~and such fees shall be increased by 6% effective annually~~ **on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of**  
67 **January.**

68 (6) An Advanced Life Support Service Intercept fee shall be collected from the  
69 BLS transporting agency requesting service as follows:

70 (a) Each incident of Advanced Life Support Service Intercept Level 1: ½  
71 of the ALS Level 1 rate in effect at the time of service.

72 (b) Each incident of Advanced Life Support Service Intercept Level 2: ½  
73 of the ALS Level 2 rate in effect at the time of service.

74 (7) The fees established herein shall be binding upon all persons receiving such  
75 services as well as their successors in interest, personal representatives, heirs and  
76 assigns. Revenue generated by such ambulance and medical services fees shall be  
77 remitted to the Clerk-Treasurer and deposited into the General Fund of the City of  
78 Hobart. The fees specified in this sub-section (B) shall be inserted into and  
79 become a part of the Fee Schedule of the Municipal Code of the City in  
80 accordance with the City of Hobart Fee Schedule.

81 (8) As the need arises, but not less often than annually, the Clerk-Treasurer shall  
82 submit to the Board of Public Works and Safety for its determination, a list of  
83 ambulance fees charged under this section which he or she deems uncollectible.  
84 Such list shall detail the reason for each fee being uncollectible; reasons may  
85 include but not be limited to compliance with Medicare and Medicaid regulations,  
86 agreements with insurance providers, death of the debtor, or other good and  
87 practical business reasons. Ambulance fees determined to be uncollectible by the  
88 Board of Public Works and Safety shall be posted as “uncollectible ambulance  
89 fees” and deleted from the city’s Accounts Receivable books.  
90 (Ord. 2011-38, §7; Ord. 2013-24; Ord. 2016-38; Ord. 2019-26; Ord. 2020-27)

91 **(9) A Lift Assist Fee shall be assessed when:**

92 **(a) The individual is not transported to a medical facility; and**

93 **(b) No emergency medical treatment is provided on scene; and**

94 **(c) The request is determined by the Hobart Fire Department to be**  
95 **non-emergent.**

96 **The Lift Assist Fee for Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Care Facilities, and**  
97 **Supervised Group Living shall be assessed per occurrence in accordance**  
98 **with the City of Hobart Fee Schedule.**

99 **The Lift Assist Fee for Private Residences shall be assessed per occurrence**  
100 **after the third (3rd) lift assist within a calendar year, as defined in the Fee**  
101 **Schedule.**

102 **No Lift Assist Fee shall be imposed:**

103 **(a) When fewer than three (3) lift assists occur at a private residence**  
104 **within a calendar year.**

105 (b) When emergency medical treatment is provided on scene.

106 (c) When the lift assist results in transport to a medical facility.

107 In such cases, any applicable fees for ambulance services shall be assessed  
108 per the City's Ambulance Service Fee Schedule.

109 (C) *Medicare assignment.* The city will accept Medicare assignments from those persons  
110 receiving Medicare assistance and will recover any additional amount owed for service only in  
111 the event that the persons have supplemental insurance coverage.

112 (D) *Litigation.* The city may enforce the provisions of this section by civil actions in  
113 court, for the collection of amounts due or other appropriate relief. Additional costs incurred by  
114 the city in collecting fees charged under this section shall be born by the person responsible for  
115 payment of such fees. Such additional costs shall include, but not be limited to, collection agency  
116 fees, attorney fees and court costs.

117 (E) *Service not be refused in the event of non-payment.* Nothing contained in this section  
118 shall authorize any city department or personnel to refuse or delay any service to any person,  
119 firm or corporation that has not paid for service or that owes for previous services or owes any  
120 money.

121 (Prior Code, § 2-42.5) (Ord. 92-10; Ord. 94-77, (part); Ord. 2001-48, § 2; Ord. 2002-35, § 1;  
122 Ord. 2006-07, § 1)

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124 (F) *Persons Confined.* An person held in custody, confined or incarcerated by the City,  
125 including but not limited to individuals who are (i) under arrest, (ii) incarcerated, (iii)  
126 imprisoned, (iv) escaped from confinement, (v) under supervised release, (vi) on medical  
127 furlough, (vii) residing in a mental health facility or halfway house, (viii) living under home  
128 detention, (ix) or confined completely or partially in any way under a penal statute or rule; shall  
129 be solely responsible for the payment for any medical services rendered to, and received by, that  
130 person during the course of his or her confinement with the City, or at the City's or Court's  
131 direction, including without limitation, transportation to and from a medical treatment facility,  
132 and any treatment deemed necessary by his or her treating physician, whether or not requested by  
133 the person confined; and shall be required to reimburse the City, in full for any fees or charges  
134 incurred for such services, if not paid directly to the medical facilities or practitioners providing  
135 the service by the confined person or his or her insurance carriers.

136 (Ord. 2011-28, §1)

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139 *SECTION TWO:* The Fee Schedule for the City of Hobart for the year 2026 be amended  
140 to include the following fees from Section One, (A)(9) above and updated with the ongoing fees  
141 and rates as previously ordained by the Council:

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<p>Ambulance service <i>Increases 6% annually</i></p>	<p>§ 32.30 Ord. 2016-38</p>	<p>Per Incident: Basic Service: \$ 1,539.00</p>
	<p>Ord. 2020-27</p>	<p>Per Incident: Advanced Life Support: \$2,007.00 Per Incident: Advanced Life Support 2: \$2,408.00</p>
	<p>Ord 2019-26 Ord. 2020-27</p>	<p><b>Ambulance Service Fees increase 6% (annually) each January</b></p> <p>Advanced Life Support Intercept Service: (per incident) ALS Intercept Level 1: 1/2 of ALS Level 1 rate ALS Intercept Level 2: 1/2 of ALS Level 2 rate</p>
		<p>Medical services fee of \$335.00 shall be collected for each incident where: a) Ambulance service is requested by, or on behalf of, a patient; b) Medical services are provided the patient by emergency medical personnel; c) The patient refuses ambulance transport; and d) The Fire Chief determines such services are beyond the scope of non-transport assistance normally provided without charge. <i>Increases 6% annually each January.</i></p>
	<p>Ord. 2025-50</p>	<p>A Lift Assist fee shall be assessed when: (a) the individual is not transported to a medical facility; and (b) No emergency medical treatment is provided on scene; and (c) The request is determined by the Hobart Fire Department to be non-emergent.</p> <p>A Lift Assist Fee for Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Care Facilities, and Supervised Group Living shall be assessed at the rate of \$1,000 per occurrence.</p> <p>A Lift Assist Fee for Private Residences shall be assessed after the third (3rd) lift assist within a calendar year at the rate of \$1,000 per occurrence.</p> <p>No lift assist fee shall be imposed: (a) when fewer than three (3) lift assists occur at a private residence within a calendar year. (b) When emergency medical treatment is provided on scene. (c) when the lift assist results in transport to a medical facility.</p> <p>In such cases, any applicable fees for ambulance services shall be assessed per the City's Ambulance Service Fee Schedule. <i>Increases 6% annually each January.</i></p>
		<p>In addition to the foregoing fees, a mileage charge in the amount of \$23.42 per mile or fraction thereof shall be collected for each mile traveled by the City ambulance from its station point immediately prior to the incident to its return to that station point or another station point at the conclusion thereof provided that such charge shall be limited to the first five (5) miles of such distance traveled. <i>Increases 6% annually each January.</i></p>
		<p>An additional non-resident fee: \$267.98 for each incident, regardless of the type of service provided, when the patient is not a resident at the time of the incident of the corporate boundaries of the City of Hobart, Indiana. <i>Increases 6% annually each January.</i></p>

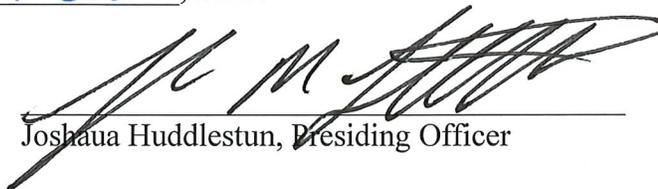
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**SECTION THREE:** This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption in the manner required by law, and upon publication thereof pursuant to I.C. §36- 3-4-6-14(b) in two newspapers of general circulation published within the City pursuant to I.C. §5-3-1-4 (a).

**SECTION FOUR:** All ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

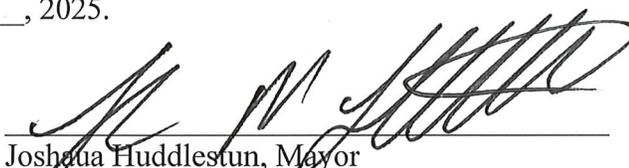
  
Joshua Huddleston, Presiding Officer

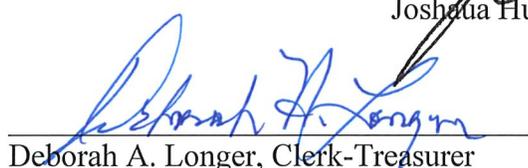
ATTEST:   
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

  
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

  
Joshua Huddleston, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer