

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27

An Ordinance Amending the Provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Relating to Emergency Medical Service Fees and Charges

WHEREAS, the Common Council ("Council") of the City of Hobart ("City") has been advised that the fees and charges previously established and contained in the Municipal Code of the City are no longer sufficient to defray the actual costs of administering some aspects of the City's Emergency Medical Service program; and

WHEREAS, the Council has carefully considered the current needs of the Fire Department EMS Division with respect to the services it offers and to more closely approximate the true cost of operating such units; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that increases to the EMS fees and charges are necessary and now desires to make its determination of new EMS fees effective and to spread same upon the public record through this Ordinance.

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

SECTION ONE: Chapter 32 of the Code entitled "GENERAL PROVISIONS" is hereby amended in §32.30 entitled "AMBULANCE FUND," by striking out in its entirety the language appearing in subsection (B) entitled "Fees" including sub-subsections (1) through (7) inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new language:

(B) Fees.

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

- Each Incident of Basic Life Support ambulance service: \$1,150.00
Each Incident of Advanced Life Support Service 1: \$1,500.00
Each Incident of Advanced Life Support Service 2: \$1,800.00

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

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

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- b) Medical services are provided to the patient by emergency medical personnel;
- c) The patient refuses ambulance transport; and
- d) The Fire Chief determines that such services are beyond the scope of non-transport assistance normally provided without charge.

(3) In addition to the foregoing fees, a mileage charge in the amount of \$17.50 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.

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

(5) The fees established in this subsection (B) shall take effect on January 1, 2021 and such fees shall be increased by 6% effective on January 1, 2022, and on each January 1, thereafter.

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

- a) Each incident of Advanced Life Support Service Intercept Level 1: ½ of the ALS Level 1 rate in effect at the time of service.
- b) Each incident of Advanced Life Support Service Intercept Level 2: ½ of the ALS Level 2 rate in effect at the time of service.

(7) The fees established herein shall be binding upon all persons receiving such services as well as their successors in interest, personal representatives, heirs and assigns. Revenue generated by such ambulance and medical services fees shall be remitted to the Clerk-Treasurer and deposited into the General Fund of the City of Hobart. The fees specified in this sub-section

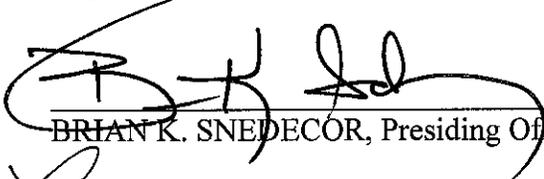
(B) shall be inserted into and become a part of the Fee Schedule of the Municipal Code of the City.

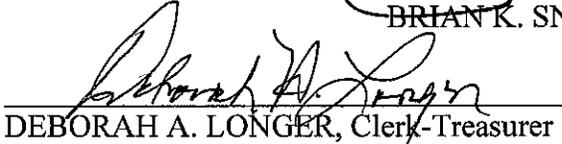
(8) As the need arises, but not less often than annually, the Clerk-Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Public Works and Safety for its determination, a list of ambulance fees charged under this section which he or she deems uncollectible. Such list shall detail the reason for each fee being uncollectible; reasons may include but not be limited to compliance with Medicare and Medicaid regulations, agreements with insurance providers, death of the debtor, or other good and practical business reasons. Ambulance fees determined to be uncollectible by the Board of Public Works and Safety shall be posted as "uncollectible ambulance fees" and deleted from the city's Accounts Receivable books.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2021.

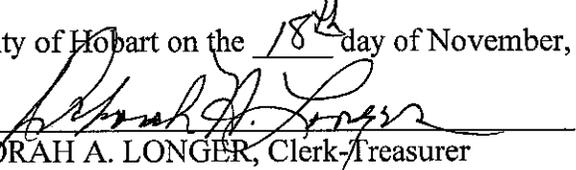
SECTION THREE: All other ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 14th day of November, 2020.

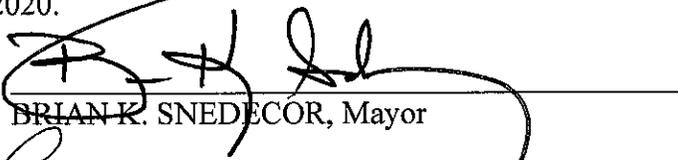

BRIAN K. SNEDECOR, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 18th day of November, 2020 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 18th day of November, 2020.


BRIAN K. SNEDECOR, Mayor

ATTEST: 
DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer