

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-1105 OF
THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
REGARDING AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FEES

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington Heights is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-1105 of Article XI of Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code of Arlington Heights, Illinois, 1995, as amended ("*Village Code*"), the Village charges fees for ambulance transportation and emergency medical services provided by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees desire to amend Section 7-1105 of the Village Code to update the Village's ambulance transportation and emergency medical service fees; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend Section 7-1105 of the Village Code pursuant to this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AMBULANCE FEES. Section 7-1105, titled "Public Safety, Morals and Welfare," of the Village Code is hereby amended to add a new Article XVI, which new Article reads as follows:

"Section 7-1105 Ambulance Fees. Each person who receives ambulance transportation and emergency medical services from the Village will be charged a user fee in an amount equal to the amount listed in the most recent Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program report reflecting the actual cost incurred for transport of residents and nonresidents, as appropriate. ~~For all transports by ambulance on or after January 1, 2018, each person who is transported by ambulance shall be charged \$1,500 plus a mileage fee equal to the distance traveled to transport the patient to the hospital of \$12 per mile. Specifically, but without limitation, all Advanced Life Support (ALS1 and ALS2) calls will be charged at the GEMT-approved rate for ALS service, and all Basic Life Support (BLS) calls will be charged at the GEMT-approved rate for BLS service.~~

- a. When the patient being transported by the Village is a Village resident, such person shall not be billed for the remaining charges which may exist once final payment has been received from all insurance providers of the resident. A Village resident is any person whose permanent residence is within the Village's corporate limits.
- b. When the patient being transported by the Village is a non-resident, such person shall be billed for the remaining charges which may exist once final payment has been received from all insurance providers of the non-resident. Unpaid balances

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shall be assigned to a debt-collection agency of the Village's choice. A non-resident is any person whose permanent address of residence is outside the Village's corporate limits.

The Village Manager may, in cases of hardship, waive the payment of the ambulance fee. This provision shall not be construed to hold the Village or any of its officers, agents or employees responsible for any damages to persons or property by reason of the provision of paramedic service or ambulance service as provided herein."

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are to remain in full force and effect, and are to be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Illinois

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ day of _____, 2024.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk