

RESOLUTION 15-12

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE
TO ROLL BACK CERTAIN AMBULANCE FEES
IF THE APRIL REFERENDUM PASSES**

WHEREAS, approximately one and a half years ago the Village assumed the responsibility for providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through the Antioch Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, since undertaking that responsibility, the Village Board finds that it lacks a reliable source of adequate funding, which is necessary to pay for paramedics, ambulances, training and equipment, and that without a new source of funding, public health and safety will be greatly compromised and severe cuts in other vital municipal services will become necessary, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has caused a referendum seeking to impose a real property tax to generate (along with a companion referendum question in the unincorporated area sponsored by the First Fire Protection District) \$1.5 Million per year, which is deemed to be a reasonable amount necessary to cover the actual cost of operations over the recoverable insurance and government proceeds, along with a very small cushion for contingencies, equipment replacement and capital reserves, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is committed to providing EMS at a fair and equitable expense, spread fairly throughout the community and still supported in the main by insurance proceeds and payments from outside entities, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to eliminate the personal billing of residents for uninsured portions of their EMS bills, including deductibles, co-pays and the like, similar to the system that was in place prior to the Village assuming EMS responsibility, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the tax revenue produced by the referendum would be adequate to allow this reduction in user fees to occur if it passes,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Village Board states its intention to roll back billing of private individuals for uncovered co-pays and deductibles or other personal costs over and above any payments available from insurance companies or governmental entities at such time as the Ambulance Referendum is approved by the citizens, should such passage occur.

SECTION TWO: The provisions of Section One hereinabove are intended to apply only to Village residents, or to Village residents and persons residing within the First Fire Protection District in the event the District's companion referendum passes. Nothing herein is intended to express any intention on the part of the Village Board to roll back fees and collection policies for persons residing outside these territories.

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SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

ATTEST:


LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR


LORI K. FOLBRICK, VILLAGE CLERK

