

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES AND FEES FOR AMBULANCE AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICES AND ANCILLARY FIRE FEES

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS

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ORDINANCE 13-07-15

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WHEREAS, the Village of Antioch Fire Department, hereinafter referred to as the “Fire Department”, provides emergency ambulance and life safety services to both residents and non-residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that providing such services requires that sustainable levels of funding be designated, and that user-supported funding through private insurance, Medicare and other outside sources should be looked at as a primary means of diminishing the need for funding provided by taxpayer-supported public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is also necessary and appropriate to establish specific user fees and/or service charges to both residents and non-residents as well as standardized collection practices;

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

SECTION ONE: Title 14 of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following chapter 2 which shall hereafter read as follows:

CHAPTER 2 EMS SERVICE FEES

14-2-1: EMS SERVICE FEES ESTABLISHED. Each person, resident or non-resident, receiving ambulance or life safety services, or both, from the Village of Antioch, or through any Village contractor providing such services pursuant to a license or through mutual aid shall pay to the Village fees therefor in accordance with the provisions of this section.

14-2-2: DEFINITIONS: For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them:

ALS REFUSAL: A person who has received or accepted advanced life support (ALS) services from Fire Department personnel (EMT-Bs and/or paramedics), but has refused transportation by ambulance to a hospital.

EMS: Broadly, Emergency Medical Services, including all life safety services, including, but not limited to advanced life support, basic life support, ambulance, extrication and medical-related transport.

EXTRICATION: A life safety service performed by the Fire Department personnel which requires the use hydraulic, gas powered, electric powered, air powered or other specialized rescue equipment to remove an entrapped person from a vehicle, equipment, machinery or structure.

NONRESIDENT: A person who is not domiciled within the corporate limits of the Village of Antioch.

NONRESIDENT REFUSAL: All persons who are nonresidents of the Village who have received or accepted ambulance or life safety services from Fire Department personnel (EMT-Bs and/or paramedics), but have refused transportation by ambulance to a hospital.

NONRESIDENTS TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL: All persons who are nonresidents of the Village who are transported by a fire department operated ambulance from within the limits of the Village to a hospital or other authorized medical facility for medical care or attention.

PAYMENT: Payment of the ambulance and/or life safety service fees shall be due upon the rendering of an invoice or statement by the Village or its authorized billing and collection service corporation or agent.

RESIDENT: A person who is domiciled within the corporate limits of the Village of Antioch.

RESIDENT REFUSAL: All persons who are residents of the Village who have received or accepted ambulance and/or life safety services from Fire Department personnel (EMT-Bs and/or paramedics), but have refused transportation by ambulance to a hospital.

RESIDENTS TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL: All persons who are residents of the Village who are transported by a fire department ambulance from within the limits of the Village to a hospital or other authorized medical facility for medical care or attention.

14-2-3: EMS FEE SCHEDULE: Fees for ambulance and/or life safety services and pre-hospital care provided by the Village's fire department shall be charged to the person receiving said services, or the person's estate, in accordance with the following schedule:

	Resident	Nonresident
Basic life support emergency (BLS)	\$ 650.00	\$ 900.00

Advanced life support emergency (ALS-1)	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,100.00
Advanced life support emergency (ALS-2)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Mileage (as measured from the location of the incident to the hospital)	\$10.00 per mile or portion thereof	\$25.00 per mile or portion thereof
Extrication	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Refusal	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00

- 14-2-4: HELICOPTER TRANSPORT:** In addition to the fees required pursuant to the other provisions of this Chapter, when the Fire Department provides ambulance services to a patient in conjunction with a helicopter transport, that patient shall pay to the Village a fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for such services for the preparation of a safe landing and departure zone using Fire Department personnel and equipment.
- 14-2-5: MEDICARE COVERAGE:** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter, patients covered under the federal Medicare system shall be billed only under the appropriate billing code as provided under the uniform Medicare fee schedule for services, and based on the services provided and applicable mileage.
- 14-2-6: THIRD PARTY INSURER:** All persons who receive ambulance and/or life safety services from the Village and who have insurance coverage which provides for the payment in whole or in part of the ambulance and/or life safety service fee, are covered by a governmental entity program such as Medicare that provides for the payment, in whole or in part, of the service fee, or who have the ability to obtain reimbursement, in whole or in part, of the service fee from a noninsurance/nongovernmental entity third party, shall upon request of the Village or its authorized billing and collection service corporation or agent, provide the names and addresses of said third party to the Village. (The term "third party" shall mean any such insurance company, governmental entity, or other third party as referenced in the foregoing sentence.) The Village shall prepare and issue to the third party an invoice for such services fee in accordance with the appropriate service fee schedule(s) set forth elsewhere in this Chapter.
- 14-2-7: TORT LIABILITY AND LIEN RIGHTS:** In the event any person who has received services from the Village is entitled to compensation from a third party which is allocable to the ambulance and/or life safety service fee, such compensation shall be promptly forwarded by said person to the Village. The Village shall have the right to serve a lien upon the recipient of the services and any tortfeasor involved in causing the need for services. The recipient of services shall be under an affirmative duty to provide contact information to assist the Village in preparing and serving such a lien. By serving such a lien, the Village does not waive the right to compensation from the recipient, but such lien shall be

considered additional security to ensure ultimate payment of all sums properly due and owing. Under no circumstances shall any term or provision of this section adversely affect the rights of the Village as set forth in the Illinois Health Care Services Lien Act, 770 Illinois Compiled Statutes 23/1 et seq., as amended, or any other similar statute.

14-2-8: **EXEMPTIONS:** The Village shall waive the stated fees under the following circumstances:

1. Any current member of the Antioch Fire Department while on active duty.
2. Any member of another Fire Department that is on assignment in the Village and is rendering aid under a mutual aid agreement.
3. Any employees of the Village of Antioch including unpaid and volunteer personnel while performing active duties for the Village.

14-2-9: **HARDSHIP WAIVERS:** The Village may waive service fees for specific residents upon application in writing certifying that payment of such fees will cause undue hardship on the resident. Said request for waiver of service fees shall be addressed to the Village Administrator at Village Hall 874 Main Street for review. All requests for hardship waiver shall indicate in writing the location and date which services were performed and the specific reason for the waiver being requested. The burden shall be on the applicant to demonstrate sufficient cause to justify a waiver. A committee composed of the Village Administrator, the Fire Chief and the Finance Director shall review all hardship waiver requests and determine by majority vote if a hardship waiver for service fees shall be approved. Said waiver approval shall apply solely to the one specific incident listed in the waiver request.

To simplify application of this provision, and to provide for greater transparency of this process, the committee shall establish and publish guidelines and forms to assist applicants in filing their requests or submitting adequate information to the committee. All decisions of the committee must remain confidential as required by applicable federal and state law, and shall not be published nor shall they be subject to any FOIA law.

14-2-10: **MUTUAL AID CHARGES:** If an ambulance owned and operated by the Fire Department or one of its contractors' responds under a request for mutual aid to another jurisdiction to render care and/or transport of any resident or residents of that jurisdiction during the course of that mutual aid response, said resident(s) shall be billed at the same rate as residents of the Village of Antioch.

SECTION TWO: Title 14 of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following Chapter 3 which shall hereafter read as follows:

CHAPTER 3
VEHICLE FIRE ASSIST FEES

14-3-1 FEE FOR NONRESIDENT VEHICLE FIRE: Each person who is not a resident of the Village and receives a fire department response to extinguish a vehicle fire shall pay the Village a service fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per hour for vehicle/equipment use and thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per hour and per person for personnel. There shall be a one hour minimum charge for each of the said services.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS 17th DAY OF JULY, 2013.

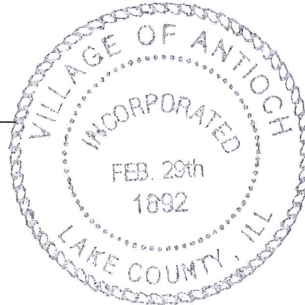
ATTEST:



LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR



LORI K. FOLBRICK, VILLAGE CLERK



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

CERTIFICATE

I, Lori K. Folbrick, certify that I am the duly appointed Municipal Clerk of the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois.

I certify that on July 15, 2013, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved **Ordinance No. 13-07-15**, entitled ***“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES AND FEES FOR AMBULANCE AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICES AND ANCILLARY FIRE FEES”*** which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of **Ordinance No. 13-07-15**, including the Ordinance and cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on July 17, 2013 and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

DATED at Antioch, Illinois, this 17th day of July, 2013



Lori K. Folbrick, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk

