

**ORDINANCE No. 27-2007**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF VALPARAISO ESTABLISHING  
ALS AMBULANCE SERVICE THROUGH THE  
VALPARAISO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso is desirous of maximizing the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Valparaiso; and

**WHEREAS**, providing ALS Ambulance Service through the Valparaiso Fire Department will save lives and protect the well being of the citizens of Valparaiso; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso is statutorily empowered through Home Rule Authority to create an ALS Ambulance Service through the Valparaiso Fire Department and is desirous of doing so.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, that the following Sections shall be added to the Valparaiso Municipal Code:

**94.170 DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the text clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**(A) BASIC LIFE SUPPORT.** The provision of basic life support services as defined in the National EMS Education and Practices Blueprint for the EMT-Basic.

**(B) ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, LEVEL 1.** The provision of an assessment by an advanced life support provider and/or the provision of one (1) or more advanced life support interventions.

**(C) ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, LEVEL 2.** The administration of at least three (3) different medications and/or the provision of one (1) or more of the following advanced life support procedures: manual defibrillation/cardioversion, endotracheal intubation, central venous line, external cardiac pacing, chest decompression, surgical airway or intraosseus line.

**(D) RESIDENT.** An individual who resides within the corporate boundaries of the City of Valparaiso and/or un-incorporated Center Township in Porter County at the time the service is rendered, or an individual who pays property taxes for real estate located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Valparaiso and/or un-incorporated Center Township in Porter County which is owned by the individual at the time the service is rendered.

**(E) NONRESIDENT.** An individual who does not reside within the corporate boundaries of the City of Valparaiso and/or un-incorporated Center Township in Porter County at the time service is rendered or who does not pay property taxes for real estate located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Valparaiso and/or un-incorporated Center Township in Porter County which is owned by the individual at the time service is rendered.

**94.171 ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby established an Advanced Life Support - Ambulance Provider Service within the Valparaiso Fire Department. The service shall be operated by the fire department of the city and governed by the applicable policies and procedures created and maintained by the fire chief; the applicable rules and regulations, policies and procedures, and contractual agreements created, maintained, and approved by the Valparaiso Board of Public Works and Safety; and the applicable articles as contained in the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1124, collective bargaining agreement with the City of Valparaiso.

**94.172 FEE SCHEDULE.** There is hereby established the following fee schedule for the use of the ambulance service:

(A) A charge of \$414 for each transportation of an individual requiring Basic Life Support (BLS);

(B) A charge of \$550 for each transportation of an individual requiring Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS 1);

(C) A charge of \$742 for each transportation of an individual requiring Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS 2).

(D) In addition to the fees described in Subsections (A), (B) and (C) above, each individual transported by the ambulance service shall be charged a mileage fee of \$8.85 per mile. The mileage fee shall be assessed on the miles traveled from the location where the individual is picked up by the ambulance to the hospital where the individual is transported.

(E) In addition to the fees described in Subsections (A) through (D) above, nonresidents shall be charged an additional fee of \$50.

**94.173 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF FEE.** The fee authorized by Section 94.172 shall be assessed against any individual, or the lawful guardian of any individual, or the estate of any individual, who receives emergency medical service.

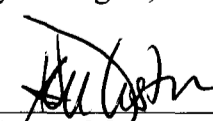
**94.174 LEGAL ACTION FOR COLLECTION OF FEES.** The Office of the Valparaiso City Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered to initiate appropriate legal actions to collect fees due pursuant to Section 94.172. In addition to the fees due, reasonable attorney's fees and costs associated to such actions may be added to the fees due.


**94.175 FEES WAIVED.** The Valparaiso Board of Public Works and Safety is hereby authorized and empowered to develop and approve a policy of waiving fees for residents in case of financial hardship.

**94.176 DISPOSITION OF FEES.** Any and all fees collected pursuant to this ordinance shall accrue to the General Fund, of the City of Valparaiso.


**94.177 RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS.** The Valparaiso Board of Public Works and Safety is hereby authorized and empowered to execute reciprocal agreements with other emergency ambulance services providing for cooperation between the emergency ambulance services, reciprocity of memberships and any other coordination and cooperation between ambulance services which the board of public works and safety determines to be in the best interest of the city.

**PASSED** by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 7-0 vote of all members present and voting, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

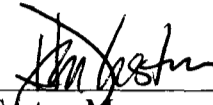
  
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Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sharon E. Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M.

  
Sharon E. Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M.

  
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Jon Costas, Mayor