

ORDINANCE NO. 5, 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE § 94.172 AS TO RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously established Advanced Life Support - Ambulance Provider Service within the Fire Department.

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously established, by Ordinance, a Fee Schedule for such services.

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, the City Council intends to increase certain charges and to provide for a three percent (3%) annual escalation each September to cover the costs to provide Advanced Life Support - Ambulance Provider Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, that § 94.172 of the Valparaiso Municipal Code should be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 94.172 FEE SCHEDULE.

There is hereby established the following fee schedule for the use of the ambulance service. Effective September 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, the rates established in subsections (A)-(E) shall automatically increase three percent (3%).

(A) A charge of \$600 for each transportation of an individual requiring Basic Life Support (BLS);

(B) A charge of \$850 for each transportation of an individual requiring Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS 1);

(C) A charge of \$1000 for each transportation of an individual requiring Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS 2).

(D) In addition to the fees described in divisions (A), (B) and (C) above, each individual transported by the ambulance service shall be charged a mileage fee of \$13.00 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 divisions (A) through (D) above, nonresidents shall be charged an additional fee of \$100.

(F) A charge of \$100 for each individual requiring advance life support intervention and refusing transport thereafter.

(G) The fees charged pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be modified so as to allow a reduction in ambulance transport fees to a rate equivalent to the Medicare reimbursement rate at the time the ambulance service is provided for wards of certain governmental entities, patients of certain health care providers organizations, individuals affiliated with certain not-for-profit organizations, and all employees/dependents of the city covered by the city's insurance plan. The Board of Public Works and Safety is hereby authorized and empowered to identify specific

organizations and entities to be included in the ambulance transport fee rate reduction established by this section.

(H) A charge in an amount not to exceed \$20.00 shall be made so as to reimburse the city for expenses incurred when document requests and compliance with court issued subpoenas require copying of Fire Department ambulance records and forwarding of those records to the requesting party.

Section 2 Conflicting Ordinances. Any ordinance or provision of any ordinance of the City of Valparaiso in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval by the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, by a _____ vote of all members present and voting, this _____ day of March, 2020.

Matthew R. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana this _____ day of March 2020.

Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this _____ day of March, 2020 at _____ o'clock PM.

Matthew R. Murphy, Mayor