

ORDINANCE NO. 250

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR
THE
WOODSTOCK FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Illinois Fire Protection District Act grants to the Board of Trustees of a Fire Protection District the authority to "fix, charge and collect fees for emergency ambulance service within or outside of the fire protection district" (70 ILCS 705/22); and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District (the "District"), McHenry County, Illinois, is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois 70 ILCS 705/0.01, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the District renders emergency medical services on public and private property within the District to resident and non-resident persons, businesses and other entities in the performance of its obligations to the public; and

WHEREAS, such emergency medical services incur costs to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interest of the District to charge residents and non-residents a fee for providing emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, McHenry County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: 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 the Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Ordinance #246 of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District adopted February 22, 2024, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3: The charges for emergency ambulance service within or outside of the District are as follows:

A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

A fee will be charged to any resident or non-resident of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District who is provided with emergency medical services by the District or any fire protection district or municipality which provides emergency medical services to the District pursuant to a contract with the District. Residents and non-residents will be charged \$1934.15 for transportation to the hospital requiring either BLS, ALS, or ALS-2 level care and \$28.75 per mile calculated as the distance from where patient is loaded into ambulance to the destination hospital.

When emergency medical services are rendered by the District to persons, businesses or other entities, such persons businesses or other entities shall be billed for any additional charges which may exist once payment has been received from his/her/its health insurance provider. Unpaid balances for residents shall not be sent to a debt collector and unpaid balances for non-residents shall be assigned to a debt collection agency of the District's choice.

B. EMS CARE WITHOUT TRANSPORT

The District shall charge residents and non-residents of the District for emergency medical services rendered, but without transportation to a hospital facility. This includes instances when care is transferred to another EMS provider. Emergency medical services may include, but not be limited to, splinting, wound bandaging, IV therapy, and any medications. The charge for emergency medical services rendered in such a situation shall be \$488.75

The District shall not charge residents and non-residents of the district for EMS responses in which no care is delivered.

C. RECALCULATION OF FEES

The emergency medical services fees charged by the District shall be established on an annual basis based on the Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Cost Report calculation of the Woodstock Fire Rescue District Medical Transport Services and as approved by the Board of Trustees.

The emergency medical services fees may be updated annually or at such other times as determined necessary by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the billing rates approved by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services pursuant to any subsequent Cost Reports submitted by the District under the GEMT Program or otherwise. The Fire Chief shall be directed and authorized to update the emergency medical services fees upon any subsequent changes to the District's approved billing rate(s) under the GEMT Program, subject to the approval or ratification by the Board of Trustees.

D. REVENUES

All revenue from the charges assessed pursuant to the emergency medical services portion of this Ordinance shall be deposited in the Ambulance Fund of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District.

E. NO REFUSAL OF SERVICES

Nothing in this Ordinance shall authorize the District to refuse to provide any service to any person, business or entity that has not paid for services previously provided or that owes any money for services previously provided.

SECTION 4: Any ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they conflict.

SECTION 5: The invalidation of any section, part, provision, term or phrase of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and 10 days after its publication. The Secretary is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance as required by law.

MOTION made by Trustee Baldwin seconded by President Spitzer, that the Ordinance be adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, McHenry County, Illinois, and approved this **27th** day of **February, 2025**.

AYES:	<u>3</u>
NAYES:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>2</u>

/s/ Frederick Spitzer
President, Frederick Spitzer

ATTEST: /s/ Robert A. Kristensen
Secretary, Robert A. Kristensen

CERTIFICATION

I, ROBERT A. KRISTENSEN, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, acting and qualified Secretary of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois, and that as such Secretary, I am the keeper of the records and minutes and proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of said Woodstock Fire/Rescue District.

I do hereby further certify that at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, held on the **27th** day of **February, 2025**, the foregoing Ordinance entitled, ***Ordinance Establishing a Schedule of Charges for Emergency Medical Services for the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District***, was duly passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District.

The pamphlet form of **Ordinance No. _____**, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was available from the Secretary, commencing on the **27th** day of **February, 2025**, and will continue for at least 10 days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance are also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Secretary of said Woodstock Fire/Rescue District for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the same.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District this **27th** day of **February, 2025**.

/s/ _____

Robert A. Kristensen

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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