

ORDINANCE O-2024-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEATON CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III & APPENDIX B (FEE SCHEDULE) RELATING TO FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton ("City") is an Illinois Home Rule Municipality pursuant to provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution, and as such the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of this ordinance pertains to the government and affairs of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City renders emergency medical services and other emergency response services on public and private property within the City to residents and non-residents; and

WHEREAS, such emergency medical services incur costs to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the City of providing such services has steadily increased over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend its charges for providing emergency medical services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule powers, as follows:

SECTION 1: That a new Article III of Chapter 30 is hereby added to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FEES

Sec. 30-51. Provision of Emergency Medical Services

The city fire department, through its personnel and/or a city-contracted service provider, is responsible for providing emergency medical services to both residents and non-residents within the city and within such additional areas which are to be served under contract (Mutual Aid).

Sec. 30-52. Fees for Emergency Medical Services

- (a) Each person who receives emergency medical services or ambulance transportation from the city fire department, or through a city-contracted service provider, will be charged a user fee. Residents and non-residents shall be charged the same user fees for each level of service.
- (b) The user fee shall be in an amount equal to the amount listed in the 2023 Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program report submitted for the previous year to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and/or the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reflecting the actual cost incurred for transport of residents and non-residents.

- (c) Each person who receives emergency medical services or is transported to a hospital or other medical facility shall be charged a fee in accordance with Appendix B to this Code.
- (d) Each person who receives emergency medical services, but is not transported to a hospital or other medical facility, shall be charged a fee in accordance with Appendix B to this Code.
- (e) Each person transported by ambulance or other comparable emergency services vehicle shall be charged a mileage fee equal to the distance traveled to transport the person to the hospital or other medical facility in accordance with Appendix B to this Code.
- (f) The fees for said services shall be in accordance with Appendix B to this Code. Any increase in said fees shall first be approved by the city council.

Sec. 30-53. Balance billing.

- (a) When the person being transported is a city resident, such person shall not be billed for any remaining charges which may exist once final payment has been received from all public or private insurance sources for the resident. A city resident is any person whose permanent residence is within the city's corporate limits.
- (b) When the person being transported is a non-resident, such person shall be billed for any remaining charges which may exist once final payment has been received from all public or private insurance sources for the non-resident. A non-resident is any person whose permanent residence is outside the city's corporate limits. Unpaid balances for non-residents shall be assigned to a debt-collection agency of the city's choice.

SECTION 2: That Section B-9, Fire Department Fees, Appendix B, Fee Schedule, of the Wheaton City Code is hereby amended as follows:

B-9 Fire Department Fees		
1. Fire suppression services (outside city limits and not in another fire district)		
a. Personnel	Cost as established in section B-5 of this fee schedule	
b. Vehicles	Cost as established in section B-5 of this fee schedule	
2. Mutual aid costs:	Up to \$1,000.00 will be added to billing for each additional fire department which provides assistance to the city fire department.	
3. Paramedic services:		
Resident/Non-resident:		Per incident
a. Service fee without transport to hospital when service is rendered	\$100.00	
b. Basic life support/Advanced life support	\$ 2,910.00	
c. Mileage	\$ 15.00	Per mile

d. Credit/Debit card processing fees	Prevailing charge of third-party vendor	
4. Fire investigation services:		
a. Fire investigation report copy	\$5.00	Per page
b. Other investigation service documents	\$5.00	
5. Training services:		Per contact hour
a. For training of industrial fire brigades and similar personnel	Cost as established in section B-5 of this fee schedule and actual cost of instructional materials	
6. Miscellaneous costs and services:		Per incident
a. Fire watch personnel (standby firefighters), per hour, per person	Cost as established in section B-5 of this fee schedule	
b. Specialized equipment or materials	Actual cost	
c. Specialized rescue services	Cost as established in section B-5 of this fee schedule	
d. Services for false alarms where person initiating alarm is apprehended	Cost as established in section B-5 of this fee schedule	

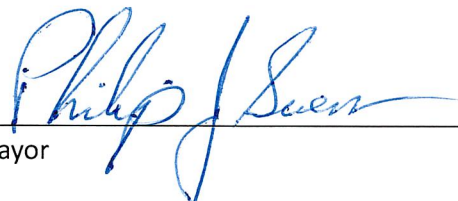
SECTION 3: The new fees set forth in Appendix B shall become effective on September 1, 2024.

SECTION 4: In all other respects, the terms and provisions of the Wheaton City Code are ratified and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with these provisions are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner prescribed by law.


 Mayor

ATTEST:


 City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilman Weller
Councilman Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Bray-Parker
Councilman Clousing
Councilwoman Robbins

Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Barbier
Mayor Suess
Motion Carried Unanimously

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