

ORDINANCE NO. 25-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §210.01(e)(8) AND §1066.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THIRD PARTY EMS AND AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES BILLING ASSOCIATES, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the cost of providing emergency health care through the City's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to increase and insurance coverage for said services continues to change; and

WHEREAS, the Administration, to keep pace with the increased costs, is recommending to Council certain fee increases as set forth herein and a new third-party agreement with Great Lakes Billing; and

WHEREAS, Council finds the recommendation of the Administration, the Fire Chief and Finance Director will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Avon and the increases in fees will result in additional revenues to the city without any decrease in the level of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1 - Section 210.01(e)(8) of the Avon Codified Ordinance which currently reads as follows:

- (8) Emergency ambulance service (Sec. [1066.02](#)):
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| A. Advanced life support emergency base rate:
(plus \$14.00 per loaded mile) | \$750.00 per patient |
| B. Advanced life support II emergency base rate:
(plus \$14.00 per loaded mile) | \$875.00 per patient |
| C. Basic life support emergency base rate:
(plus \$14.00 per loaded mile) | \$550.00 per patient |
| D. Loaded patient transport mileage: | \$14.00 per loaded mile |
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| C. Basic life support emergency base rate:
(plus \$14.00 per loaded mile) | \$550.00 \$675.00 per patient |
| D. Loaded patient transport mileage: | \$14.00 \$17.00 per loaded mile |
| E. EMS response without transport: | No charge |

Section 2 - Section 1066.02 of the Avon Codified Ordinance which currently reads as follows:

1066.02 FEES; AREA OF OPERATIONS; EFFECTIVE DATE.

The fees set forth herein shall be established and implemented for the following Emergency Medical Services originating from anywhere within the City's corporate limits effective with the date of passage of this section:

(a) Advanced Life Support (AALS@): \$750.00 per patient transported plus \$14.00 per loaded mile from the location of patient pick-up to the hospital.

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(c) Basic Life Support (ABLS@): \$550.00 per patient transported plus \$14.00 per loaded mile from the location of patient pick-up to the hospital.

(d) EMS Response Without Transportation: there will be no charge.

(e) The City shall bill the patient or the responsible party for any emergency medical services rendered in accordance with State or Federal guidelines. The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents and/or to implement any procedures necessary to effectuate the collection of such fees. For Emergency Medical Services rendered by the City pursuant to an existing mutual aid contract with another jurisdiction, the EMS fee, if any, for services rendered by City of Avon personnel shall follow the EMS fee policy, if any, in effect for the non-City of Avon jurisdiction. The Director/Chief of the City Fire Department may, in conjunction with the Director of Finance, make a recommendation to the Mayor no more than once per year to adjust the EMS fees in accordance with the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) fee schedule as may be established from time to time by either a State or Federal agency, or such recognized insurance trade association, as may be recognized or otherwise authorized by law to establish such UCR fee schedule.

(Ord. 115-90. Passed 10-22-90; Ord. 185-97. Passed 10-27-97; Ord. 159-02. Passed 12-9-02; Ord. 54-07. Passed 5-30-07; Ord. 18-11. Passed 2-28-11; Ord. 18-16. Passed 2-22-16; Ord. 22-20. Passed 2-10-20.)

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Section 3 - Council hereby authorizes the Mayor (or his designee) to enter into a new third-party agreement with Great Lakes Billing Associates, Inc. in substantially the form as set forth in the attached [Exhibit A](#), which is incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 4 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5 - That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of

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Avon, Ohio; the immediate emergency being the necessity to enter into a new third-party agreement with Great Lakes Billing Associates, Inc. and to adjust EMS fees to increase revenues without any decreasing in the level of service; therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

POSTED: _____
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

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John A. Gasior, Esq.
Law Director