

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ("AMBULANCES"), ARTICLE 1 ("AMBULANCE REGULATIONS"), SECTION 4-1-6 ("VILLAGE AMBULANCE SERVICES; FEES") OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park ("Village") is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and as such, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs except as limited by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the Village for providing emergency services has increased significantly and the Board of Trustees find that it is necessary to amend the Village Code to increase ambulance user fees and adopt certain fees for responses to pipeline and power line incidents in order to offset a portion of the increased costs of these services that the Village incurs on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority and the authority granted by Sections 11-5-7, 11-5-7.2 and 11-6-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-5-7, 65 ILCS 5/11-5-7.2 and 65 ILCS 5/11-6-6, the Board of Trustees has determined to adopt this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Chapter 4 ("Ambulances"), Article 1 ("Ambulance Regulations"), Section 4-1-6 ("Village Ambulance Services; Fees") of the Oak Park Village Code is amended by deleting the overstricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

4-1-6: VILLAGE AMBULANCE SERVICES; FEES:

- A. Fees: The ambulance services of the Oak Park Fire Department shall convey or cause to be conveyed a sick or injured person, in emergency cases, only from the place within the Village where such individual was overcome by sickness or from the scene of an accident within the Village in which he or she was injured to the nearest hospital in the Village, selected by the patient or legal guardian, or the nearest hospital which specializes in treating certain illnesses, or injuries or patients as and when necessary. The above limitations shall not apply to Fire Department ambulances when assisting other municipalities in emergency situations.

B. A fee for residents and nonresidents ~~for basic life support ambulance services and advanced life support ambulance services~~ shall be charged to all recipients of ambulance services provided by the Oak Park Fire Department as set forth in this section, and all recipients of ambulance services hereunder who have insurance for such services shall promptly submit a claim therefor to their insurance company to reimburse the Village for such fee.

C. Ambulance charges for Medicare and Medicaid recipients shall be processed in accordance with current federal regulations. In the event that charges for ambulance services exceed the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement and create a gap in the recoverable charges, the outstanding charges shall be handled and documented as "write offs" and be reflected in the quarterly and annual reports received from the Village of Oak Park's ambulance billing vendor.

D. The fees assessed to residents and nonresidents for the services set forth in this section provided by the Oak Park Fire Department shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Charge Type	Resident Fee	Nonresident Fee
<u>Ambulance transport</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$600.00	\$800.00
Advanced life support 1 (ALS-1)	750.00	1,000.00
Advanced life support 2 (ALS-2)	900.00	1,150.00
Advanced life support (ALS) refusal	300.00	400.00
Citizen assist	300 .00	400 .00
Mileage	\$15.00 per mile	\$15.00 per mile
Extrication	\$400.00	\$500.00
Mortuary service	225 .00	300.00

E. The fee set forth in the table above for ambulance transport shall be increased annually, effective January 1 of each year, without further Village Board action pursuant to the Medicare reimbursement rate or three percent (3%), whichever is greater. The fees set forth in the table for citizen assist and mortuary service shall be increased three percent (3%) annually, effective January 1 of each year, without further Village Board action.

F. When ambulance or other services set forth in this section are rendered by the Village to residents, such persons shall not be billed for the remaining charges which may exist once final payment has been received from all insurance providers of the resident.

G. When ambulance or other services set forth in this section are rendered by the Village to nonresidents, such persons shall be billed for the remaining charges which may exist once final payment has been received from all insurance providers of the non-resident. Unpaid balances may be assigned to a debt-collection agency of the Village's choice or other alternative method of debt-collection.

B H. Definitions:

~~ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) REFUSAL: An advanced life support response where at least one advanced life support procedure or piece of equipment is performed or used and the patient or other authorized person on behalf of a patient refuses further services and/or transport to a medical facility.~~

~~ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT 1 (ALS 1): Care that involves the use of advanced medical procedures, the administration of medication, intravenous therapy, and electrocardiogram interpretation.~~

~~ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT 2 (ALS 2): Care that involves the repetitive administration of medications and advanced airway intervention.~~

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT: The transport by ambulance of a patient from a pick up location to the hospital facility where the patient is transported.

~~BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS): Care that involves the treatment of nonlife threatening injuries or illnesses requiring only basic levels of care.~~

~~CITIZEN ASSIST: A service call response for the same individual that exceeds three (3) calls for service within a three (3) consecutive month period.~~

~~EXTRICATION: A charge for the use of mechanical or hydraulic devices necessary to remove an entrapped patient.~~

MILEAGE CHARGE: A charge per mile from the patient pick up location to the hospital facility where the patient is transported.

MORTUARY SERVICE: A charge to provide transport of an expired patient to a mortuary facility.

NONRESIDENT: Any person whose permanent address of residence is outside the Village's corporate limits.

RESIDENT: Any person whose permanent address is within the Village's corporate limits.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law on January 1, 2018.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017, pursuant to a roll call vote at follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Andrews				
Trustee Boutet				
Trustee Button				
Trustee Moroney				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Tucker				

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk

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Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk