

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-5

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION
OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SERVICES BY THE
WEST CHICAGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the West Chicago Fire Protection (the "District"), DuPage and Kane Counties, Illinois, is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 705/1); and

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

WHEREAS, the District and its taxpayers incur significant costs to provide such emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously adopted ordinance **2023-03** establishing a fee for emergency medical response services by the West Chicago Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the District has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to participate in the federal government's Ground Emergency Medical Transportation ("GEMT") Program to obtain supplemental payments for emergency ambulance transport services to patients covered by Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the GEMT Program, the District is required to complete a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") cost report form ("Cost Report") to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, based on the Cost Report, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services will annually approve the District's ambulance billing rate(s) pursuant to the GEMT Program; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees ("Board") has previously adopted ordinances assessing fees for rendering emergency medical services and desires to adopt an updated fee schedule that more accurately reflects the costs paid by the District taxpayers for rendering such emergency services in accordance with the approved ambulance billing rate(s) under the GEMT Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide consistent billing for comparable services rendered to individuals, regardless of whether they are insured by private or public insurers under the GEMT Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to amend its fee schedule for providing emergency medical services and transport.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the West Chicago Fire Protection District, DuPage and Kane Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section One: The Board finds and determines the foregoing Recitals to be true and correct, and said Recitals are incorporated herein as if written out here in full.

Section Two: That the District hereby establishes the following **Ambulance Transport Fee Schedule** as follows:

Ambulance Transport Fee Schedule:

- (a) The fee charged by the District shall be established based on the Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Ground Emergency Medical Transport Cost Report Calculation of West Chicago Fire Protection District Medical Transportation Services and approved by the District's Board of Trustees. Upon adoption of this ordinance, the Ambulance Transport Fees for the District are as follows:

The Ambulance Transport Fee for Advanced Life Support (“ALS”) will be \$3,660.79 and Basic Life Support (“BLS”) responses will be \$3,366.11 effective January 1, 2025 and will be determined by the Ground Emergency Medical Cost Report analysis and periodically adjusted thereafter.

- i. All patients, whether resident or non-resident, receiving emergency medical transportation services from the West Chicago Fire Protection District shall be billed uniformly at the rate as determined in Section Two (b) of this Ordinance.
 - a. For purposes of this Section, the term “resident” shall mean any person whose actual domicile is within the corporate boundaries of the District.
 - b. For residents, the District shall accept the resident’s insurance company’s payment as “payment in full” and will not bill residents for their co-insurance.
- (b) The Board of Trustees maintains the discretion to waive, adjust, or decrease any ambulance fee or charge under this Ordinance based on an ability to pay on a case-by-case basis.
- (c) 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 provided.

Section Three: In addition to the charges described in Sections Two, the District shall also charge the person, business or other entity receiving emergency medical services and/or emergency ambulance service \$20.00 for each mile a person is transported by an ambulance to reimburse the District for the cost and expense of fuel,

oil, and wear and tear on the vehicle. The Board finds and determines the above recital to be true and correct and adopts them as if written here in full.

Section Four: All revenue from the charges assessed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be deposited in the Ambulance Fund of the West Chicago Fire Protection District.

Section Five: The Ambulance Transport Fee may be updated annually or at such other times as determined necessary by the Board in accordance with the ambulance billing rate(s) approved by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services pursuant to any subsequent Cost Report(s) submitted by the District under the GEMT Program or otherwise. The Fire Chief and his/her designee shall be directed and authorized to update the Ambulance Transport Fee upon any subsequent changes to the District's approved ambulance billing rate(s) under the GEMT Program.

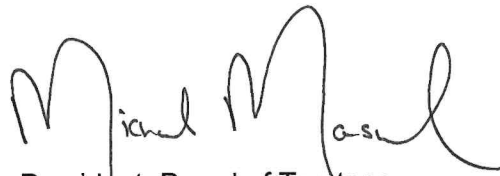
Section Six: All ordinances and parts of any ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict.

Section Seven: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

Section Eight: This Ordinance shall be immediately in full force and effect after passage and approval.

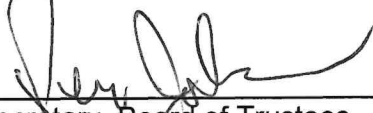
ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2024, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4 - Campos, Cabrera, Mashal, Johnson
NAYS: 0 - NONE
ABSENT: 0 - NONE



President, Board of Trustees
West Chicago Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees
West Chicago Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF DUPAGE)

SS

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Perry Johnson, the duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the West Chicago Fire Protection District, DuPage and Kane Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that the attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

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which Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the West Chicago Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the 19th day of December, 2024. I do further certify that a quorum of said Board was present in person at said meeting, or by electronic means at said meeting, and that the Board complied with all requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of December, 2024.



Secretary, Board of Trustees
West Chicago Fire Protection District