

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2018-102,  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND  
ASSESSING FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BY THE  
THE ALGONQUIN-LAKE IN THE HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District (“District”), McHenry and Kane Counties, Illinois, is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, including the Fire Protection District Act (the “Act”, 70 ILCS 705/1 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 22 of the 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 the fire protection district” (70 ILCS 705/22); and

**WHEREAS**, the District continues to render emergency medical services on public and private property within or 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 provision of such emergency medical services continues to incur costs to the District and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted Ordinance 2018-102 amending Ordinance 2014-04, and Ordinance 2010-01 and Ordinance 2009-03 and establishing a schedule of charges and assessing fees for reimbursement for such emergency medical services on August 22, 2018 (the “2018 Ordinance”); and

**WHEREAS**, the costs for providing such emergency medical services have continued to increase since August 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to revise the fees for continued provision of such emergency medical services and to amend Ordinance 2018-102 by replacing it in its entirety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained**, by the Board of Trustees of the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District, McHenry and Kane Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** 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 2.** When the emergency medical services are requested of the District, but do not involve a transport by the District, a service fee shall be charged according to the following:

- a. Each resident or non-resident refusing transport, but requiring on-scene basic life support (BLS) OR advanced life support (ALS) for the third and each subsequent on-scene service within a calendar year shall be charged one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Basic life support (BLS) is defined as care that involves the treatment of non-life threatening injuries or illnesses, requiring only basic levels of care. Advanced life support (ALS) is defined as care that involves the treatment of injuries or illnesses, requiring advanced levels of care including but not limited to advanced medical procedures, medication administration, intravenous therapy, and electrocardiogram interpretation.

**Section 3.** When emergency medical services are requested of the District and involve transport by District ambulance, a service fee shall be charged according to the following:

- a. Each resident or non-resident who is transported by ambulance with either BLS care, or ALS1 care, or ALS2 care shall be charged nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900.00). Basic life support (BLS) is defined as care that involves the treatment of non-life threatening injuries or illnesses, requiring only basic levels of care. ALS1 care is defined as care that involves the treatment of injuries or illnesses involving the use of various advanced medical procedures including but not limited to the administration of medication, intravenous therapy, and electrocardiogram interpretation. ALS2 care is defined as care that involves the repetitive administration of medications and an advanced airway intervention.
- b. When emergency medical services are rendered by the District to persons, businesses or other entities who are residents of the District, such persons,

businesses or other entities SHALL NOT BE BILLED for any additional charges which may exist once payment has been received from the resident's health insurance provider.

- c. When emergency medical services are rendered by the District to persons, businesses or other entities who are not residents of the District, such persons, businesses or other entities shall be billed for any additional charges which may exist once payment has been received from the non-resident's health insurance provider. Unpaid balances shall be assigned to a debt collection agency of the District's choice.
- d. All non-residents transported by ambulance shall be charged a mileage fee equal to the distance traveled to transport the patient to the hospital of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per mile.

**Section 4.** 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 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, such update shall be subject to the approval or ratification by the Board.

Or

**Section 4.** Beginning on December 1, 2021 and each successive December 1st thereafter, the flat fee set forth in Section Three of this Ordinance shall be increased by three percent (3%) without any further action by the Board of Trustees or by an amount determined to be necessary to reflect increased costs by the Board.

**Section 5.** Definition of terms for resident and nonresident.

- a. For the purposes of this ordinance, a “resident” constitutes any person whose permanent address of residence is within the corporate limits of the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District.
- b. For the purposes of this ordinance, a “non-resident” constitutes any person whose permanent address of residence is outside the corporate limits of the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District.

**Section 6.** All revenue from the charges assessed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be deposited in the Ambulance Fund of the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District.

**Section 7.** 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 8.** 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 that they conflict. Specifically, this Ordinance rescinds District Ordinances 2018-102, 2014-04, 2010-01 and 2009-03, except to the extent of service charges now pending under those ordinances.

**Section 9.** 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 10.** The Fire Chief maintains the discretion to waive any fee or charge for emergency medical services at any time.

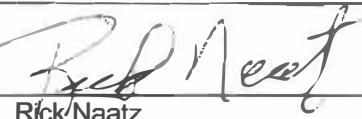
**Section 11.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from April 1, 2021 and after its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 Naatz, Teson, Black, Markowitz, Moss

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0



Rick Naatz

President, Board of Trustees

Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Charlie Teson

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF MCHENRY ) SS

## **SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Charlie Teson, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District, McHenry and Kane Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

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which Ordinance was duly adopted by said Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

I do further certify that a quorum of said Board of Trustees was present 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Charlie Teson  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District