

Village of Crooksville, Ohio

ORDINANCE NO. 2641

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
CHARGES AND BILLING POLICY FOR EMS SERVICES
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Whereas, the Village of Crooksville provides an Emergency Medical Service; and

Whereas, the Village Council, in recognition of the continuing increase in the costs of providing adequate emergency medical services to the Village and the urgent need for additional funds to provide these services, charges fees, usual and customary for the region, for the purpose of providing revenue to help defray the costs of the services covered by the fees; and

Whereas, in order to provide for effective and efficient billing and collection of emergency medical service revenue, the Village Council has engaged a billing and collection service; and

Whereas, the Village Council desires a uniform billing policy regarding the collection of such fees; and

Whereas, the Village Council desires to establish, retroactively to January 1, 2019, the fees that shall be charged for 2019, along with the descriptions and codes for services provided for those fees; and

Whereas, it is necessary to pass this Ordinance as an emergency measure, for the continued operations of the Emergency Medical Service, for good fiscal practice and for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of this Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The Village Council reaffirms that the continuing increase in the costs of providing adequate emergency medical services to the Village results in an urgent need for additional funds to provide these services. Thus, fees for emergency medical services, usual and customary for the region, are authorized, and it is further declared that the fees so levied are for the purpose of providing revenue to help defray the costs of the services covered by the fees.

Section 2. Fee Schedule. The fee as provided under this ordinance shall be based on actual costs and shall compare with usual and customary fees for the region, as determined by the EMS Chief and the billing and collection agent engaged by the Village Council. The fee schedule will encompass manpower, equipment, material and maintenance costs in such a form as to insure proper charges for services rendered. The attached Schedule of Codes, Definitions, Explanations and Fees shall apply to all services provided for year 2019, January 1 through December 31.

Section 3. Charges for Service. The above fees shall be binding upon all persons receiving such services as well as their successors in interest, assigns, estates and heirs.

Section 4. Billing Policy. All patients transported by the Village of Crooksville ambulance squad shall be billed. If a patient has health insurance to cover the fees charged, the Village of Crooksville billing agent shall bill the patient's insurance carrier. If a patient has a co-payment due after the patient's primary insurance carrier pays, the billing agent shall bill the patient directly for the co-payment. If a patient does not have health insurance, the Village of Crooksville billing agent shall bill the patient directly. If a patient does not respond to the billings of the billing agent, with either full payment or with communication and arrangement of a payment plan, the billing agent, with prior authorization from Council, may refer the account for additional collection measures.

Section 5. Disposition of Funds. All monies received under the provisions of this ordinance shall be placed in an account set up for the express purpose of funding expenses necessary to furnish emergency medical services by the Village.

Section 6. Litigation. The Village may enforce the provisions of this ordinance by civil actions in court, for the collection of amounts due or other appropriate relief.

Section 7. Service Not to be Refused for Nonpayment. Nothing in this ordinance shall authorize any Village department or Village personnel to refuse or delay any service to any person, firm or corporation that has not paid for service or that owes for previous services or owes any money.

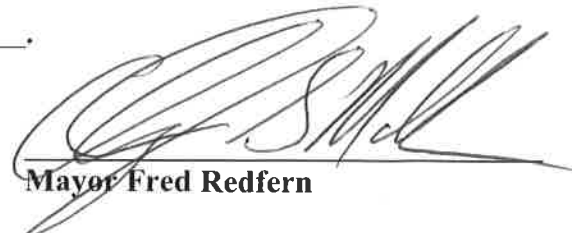
Section 8. This ordinance is declared an emergency measure necessary for the continued operations of the Emergency Medical Service, for good fiscal practice and for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people of this Village, and shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law.

1st Reading: Waived on $\frac{3}{4}$ Vote ;

2nd Reading: Waived on $\frac{3}{4}$ Vote ;


3rd Reading: February 18, 2019 ;

Passed: February 18, 2019 .



Mayor Fred Redfern

ATTESTED:



Brittany Ross, Fiscal Officer

Posting Certification

This resolution was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 20th day of February, 2019.

Brittany Ross
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Code	Definition	Explanation	Fee
A0427	ALS1	Advanced life support, level 1 (ALS1) is the emergency transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention. Advanced Life Support Assessment Definition: An advanced life support (ALS) assessment is an assessment performed by an ALS crew as part of an emergency response that was necessary because the patient's reported condition at the time of dispatch was such that only an ALS crew was qualified to perform the assessment. An ALS assessment does not necessarily result in a determination that the patient requires an ALS level of service.	500.00
A0433	ALS2	Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS2) is the emergency transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion (excluding crystalloid fluids) or (2) ground ambulance transport, medically necessary supplies and services, and the provision of at least one of the ALS2 procedures listed below: a. Manual defibrillation/cardioversion; b. Endotracheal intubation; c. Central venous line; d. Cardiac pacing; e. Chest decompression; f. Surgical airway; or g. Intraosseous line.	600.00
A0429	BLS	When medically necessary, the provision of BLS services, as specified above, in the context of an emergency response. An emergency response is one that, at the time the ambulance provider or supplier is called, it responds immediately. An immediate response is one in which the ambulance provider/supplier begins as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to respond to the call.	400.00
A0425	Mileage	Per mile for LOADED mileage only	11.00
A0424	Ex. Att.	Extra attendant when needed due to patient size or other circumstances	25.00

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