

ORDINANCE 2007-27

An Ordinance establishing the user transport fee for Emergency Medical Services provided by Hiram Fire Department and repealing Ordinance 98-4 and other inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances as well as Appendix A of the current Lifeforce Management Incorporated billing services agreement.

Whereas, the Village of Hiram has an organized Fire Department, qualified and equipped to provide and furnish Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for residents of the Village and by contractual agreement for the residents of the unincorporated area of the Township of Hiram, Portage County, Ohio; and

Whereas, residents of the Village provide funding for this service through a tax levy approved by voting residents; and

Whereas, residents of the Township of Hiram provide funding for the contractual arrangement with the Hiram Fire Department through a tax levy approved by the voting residents; and

Whereas, non residents do not monetarily support the EMS operations of the Fire Department

Whereas, Hiram Village has entered into an agreement with Lifeforce Management Incorporated for EMS Billing Services and Lifeforce Management has suggested an increase in service fee for Hiram EMS transports.

Now, therefore, be it hereby ordained by the Council of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, a majority of the members elected thereto concurring that:

Section 1: Transport fees for a Basic Life Support (BLS) service occurrence; for an Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS 1) service occurrence; and for an Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2) service occurrence shall be in accordance with Appendix "A" of the current Lifeforce Management Billing Services Agreement is hereby repealed. In addition to EMS transport fees, mileage charges are established for BLS, ALS 1, and ALS 2 transports as reflected in Appendix "A". Without transport, there is no fee for BLS or ALS services.

Section 2: In the event of any Hiram Village or Hiram Township resident who is transported by Hiram EMS, after all other available means of payment have been exhausted, the Village shall treat revenue from local taxes as full payment and shall not bill the resident for the balance owed. In instances in which the resident is uninsured, the bill may be waived.

Section 3: A resident shall be defined as a person residing within the Village or Township of Hiram with an Ohio Driver's License or state identification card showing a Hiram Village or Township address, and/or voter registration with a Hiram Village or Township address, or such other proof of residency as is acceptable to the Village of Hiram Budget and Finance Committee and/or the fire chief or his designee.

Section 4: Any person employed in the Village or the Township or students who reside on-campus and do not meet the above definition of a "resident" are considered to be non-residents.

Section 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption 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 action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Passed on first reading October 9, 2007.

Robert L. Summers

Mayor Robert Summers

ATTEST:

Kay Ziska
Fiscal Officer

I Kay Ziska, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution of Ordinance No. 257-27 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.

10/12/2007
Date

Kay E. Ziska
Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram

Appendix "A"

LifeForce Management Emergency Medical Transportation Fee Schedule

Service

Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$450.00
Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1)	\$550.00
Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2)	\$650.00
Loaded Mileage	\$7.00 per mile