

BEREA CITY COUNCIL

City of Berea, Ohio

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- __

By: _____ Sponsor: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING A UTILIZATION CHARGE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BEREA FIRE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING A COLLECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES THEREFOR, EXPRESSLY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Berea adopted Ordinance No. 2017-1 which established the utilization charge for emergency medical services provided by the City's Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in response to current expenses and inflationary conditions, it is now fair and appropriate to increase such fees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berea provides emergency medical services within the City and, pursuant to provisions of mutual aid agreements and/or applicable law permitting mutual aid, outside the City limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the following fee structure, per person, per call, for services rendered by the City of Berea Emergency Medical Services for such services and transportation to a medical facility shall be as follows:

Advanced Life Support (ALS II)	\$975.00
Advanced Life Support (AIS II)	\$750.00
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$600.00
Mileage Fee (one-way)	\$015.00 per mile

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized and directed to establish a billing procedure consistent with the rates identified in Section 1 above, for the services provided and to perform collection of such billings or to engage an agency to perform such collection services for a reasonable fee which shall be negotiated from time to time by the Mayor.

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SECTION 3. That it is the policy of this Council that the procedures for billing shall include the waiver of such billings where it is determined that a Berea resident receiving the emergency services is indigent or otherwise unable to pay for such services and there is no other source for the payment thereof.

SECTION 4. That the charges identified hereinabove shall be in addition to any other charges payable for such services including, but not limited to, any tax levied, all or part of which pays any portion of the cost of emergency medical services, or any charges for services rendered by others.

SECTION 5. That the funds collected pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be deposited into the Safety Capital Improvement Fund, designated for accounting purposes as Fund No. 410, for the purpose(s) set forth in Section 1 hereinabove.

SECTION 6. That Ordinance No. 2017-1, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein, is hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 7. That 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 Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 8. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to commence charging and collecting the higher fee for the funding of City safety improvements. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____, Director of Law

President of Council

APPROVED:

Mayor