

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING SECTION 31-8 FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND ADDING SECTION 31-9 VIOLATIONS FOR ABUSE OF MUNICIPAL BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS, providing Emergency Medical Services are essential and vital to the community; and

WHEREAS, the cost for providing emergency medical services has increased and as such, it is in the best interest of the Township of Pennsauken to continue to provide these needed services and to offset its rising expenses by increasing the fees for emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, persons and entities are encourage to utilize municipal emergency medical services only when necessary and to avoid dispatching emergency medical services for non-emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it shall be a violation to request a dispatch of an emergency medical services unit for non-emergency response or transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to govern 911 calls seeking response by the municipal emergency medical services units in non-emergent situations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken ("Township Committee") has determined it is in the Township of Pennsauken's ("Township") best interest to amend Chapter 31; and

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the following Ordinance is hereby adopted so as to amend Chapter 31, Subchapter 31-8 and add Subchapter 31-9 of the Code of the Township of Pennsauken to read as follows (underlined text illustrates additions, strikethrough text illustrates deletions):

31-8 Fees for emergency medical services.

[Amended 11-22-1999 by Ord. No. 99-37; 7-9-2003 by Ord. No. 03-28; 1-25-2006 by Ord. No. 06-02; 1-23-2008 by Ord. No. 08-01; 2-4-2009 by Ord. No. 2009:03; 1-6-2014 by Ord. No. 2013:26; 5-6-2015 by Ord. No. 2015:07; 12-20-2018 by Ord. No. 2018:21].

A. Transportation by ambulance to a local area hospital as a result of an emergency response is ~~\$825.00~~ \$950.00.

B. Mileage from the scene to an area hospital is \$17 per mile.

C. Additional charges (where applicable):

(1) Treat without transport: \$250.00.

(2) Disposable cervical collar: ~~\$40.00~~ \$60.00.

(3) Oxygen administration: ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00.

(4) Narcan administration: \$95.00.

(5) EPI Pen administration: \$150.00.

(6) CPAP administration: \$95.00.

(7) Aspirin/per admin: ~~\$3.00~~ \$5.00.

(8) Lucas compression administration: \$95.00.

(9) Albuterol treatment: \$50.00.

(10) Defibrillation (Automated External Defibrillator/AED): \$150.00.

(11) Spinal immobilization: \$150.00.

(12) EMS support unit services: \$150.00 per hour, regardless of unit type.

(13) EMS bike unit: \$100.00 per hour, per single rider/Emergency Medical Technician.

(14) Basic life support ambulance \$200.00 per hour.

(15) Mutual-aid Basic Life Support (hereinafter "BLS") ambulance supporting municipality without in-service BLS: \$250.00 per occurrence*.

*Applicable to municipalities not providing BLS services, invoiced to the respective municipality, and does not include applicable service fees for treatment and transportation.

(16) BLS unit move-up/standby supporting municipality without in-service BLS: \$350.00 per hour/per unit.

(17) CPR training: \$50.00 per student.

31-9 Violations for abuse of municipal Basic Life Support services: fees

The purpose of this chapter is to encourage persons or entities in the Township of Pennsauken to utilize the municipal emergency medical services when necessary but to avoid dispatching emergency medical services for non-emergency situations. As a result, it shall be a violation of this Chapter to request a dispatch of an emergency medical services unit for non-emergency response or transportation. This chapter governs 911 calls seeking response by the municipal emergency medical services units in non-emergent situations.

A. A person or business shall be subject to fees or warnings depending on the number of dispatches made for non-emergency medical services upon the following schedule:

(1) First non-emergency response: Warning notification from the fire department.

(2) Second non-emergency response: \$250.00.

(3) Third non-emergency response: \$500.00.

(4) Fourth and subsequent non-emergency response: \$750.00 for each occurrence/violation.

Fees are to be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification. Failure to remit said fee within thirty (30) days of the notice thereof, the Township of Pennsauken may enforce same through the Municipal Court of The Township of Pennsauken.

Emergency Medical Services dispatches which were reasonably believed to be life-threatening or an emergency at the time of occurrence, later to be deemed non-emergency shall not be counted as a violation of this ordinance.

B. Appeal of fees.

A person or entity issued a fee under this Chapter may appeal assessment of a fee to the Township of Pennsauken Administrator and Fire Chief by filing a written request for a review of the situation leading to the issuance of the fee within ten (10) days of receipt of the fee notice. The filing of an appeal of the fee shall stay the assessment of the fee until the Fire Chief and Administrator renders a final decision on the appeal.

The decision on the appeal shall be made on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence presented from the party filing the appeal, as well as any information received from the Pennsauken Fire Department. The Township of Pennsauken shall render a decision on an appeal of a fee within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal.

Repealer, Severability, and Effective Date.

A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN,
TOWNSHIP CLERK

STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and finally adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, Camden County, after a public hearing on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting open to the public of Township Committee.