

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1256

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1239, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, on the 24th day of January, 2002 passed and adopted Ordinance No. 1239, the same being an ordinance establishing rates and fees for ambulance services performed by the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has come to the conclusion that Ordinance No. 1239 should be amended as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana that Ordinance No. 1239 shall be amended as follows, to-wit:

Section 6: As used herein, the term "Mileage" includes "Mileage (Assist)" and "Mileage (Loaded)". "Mileage (Assist)" includes the total round trip miles traveled by the Town BLS (Basic Life Support) Ambulance from the St. John Fire Station to the incident scene and back to the Fire Station whenever transport to a hospital is not made. "Mileage (Loaded)" includes the total miles traveled by the Town BLS Ambulance with a patient/injured physically on board the BLS Ambulance whenever transport to a hospital is made.

Section 7: That in all cases where the Town's EMS Department is required to send a billing for its services in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, such billing shall be sent, in a timely manner and directly to the patient / injured, excepting Medicare / Medicaid patients or when applicable law requires that billing be sent directly to an insurance provider. In all cases where billing is necessary the patient / injured shall pay that billing to the Town of St. John in accordance with the payment provisions described further below. The Town of St. John shall not send billings for EMS activities directly to insurance carriers, unless specifically required to do so by applicable law, in order to seek reimbursement from such insurance carrier, but shall cooperate in providing the appropriate information to the patient / injured and their insurance carrier so that the patient / injured may seek reimbursement from their insurance carrier.

Section 9:

EMS Fee

(g) "Mileage (Assist)" shall be charged for the miles traveled by the Town BLS Ambulance as described in Section 6, above, whenever any of the EMS Fees described in Section 9, subsections (a.), (b.), (d.) or (e.) are charged except that no such Mileage charge shall apply when the miles traveled are less than one (1).

| <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> |
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| \$7.00 per mile | \$8.50 per mile |

"Mileage (Loaded)" shall be charged for the miles traveled by the Town BLS Ambulance as described in Section 6, above, whenever any of the EMS Fees described in Section 9, subsection (c.) are charged except that no such Mileage charge shall apply when the miles traveled are less than one (1).

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| \$14.00 per mile | \$17.00 per mile |
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All funds collected for Mileage (Assist) and Mileage (Loaded) shall be placed in a separate Fund known as the Ambulance Capital Replacement Fund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 1239 when not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of St. John.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this 27th day of June, 2002.

Aye 5 Nay 0

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LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


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