

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1715

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 1239 AND 1449 PERTAINING TO AMBULANCE SERVICES AND FEES, AND REPEALING ALL TOWN CODE SECTIONS AND ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has reviewed the provisions of Town Ordinance 1239 and 1449, as amended from time to time, pertaining to Ambulance Service Rates and Fees, which has been codified at Section 2-141 through 2-152 of the St. John Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has reviewed the provisions of Indiana Code § 16-31-5, *et seq.*, pertaining to providing Town ambulance services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, is aware that the Town currently provides Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services to residents and non-residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Counsel desires its EMS Department to operate in a financially sound manner so as to have as little impact as practical on the amount of EMS Costs paid from its General Fund without reimbursement and thereby avoid the need to raise significant funds from resident property taxes to cover the EMS costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, having reviewed the applicable provisions of the Indiana Code, as well as the provisions of the Town Code, now concurs that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of St. John that amending Town Code Section 2-152 is appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** That **Sec. 2-152**, entitled **Rates and Fees**, of **DIVISION 5**, entitled **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DEPARTMENT**, of **Chapter 2** entitled **ADMINISTRATION**, of the St. John Town Code, is hereby deleted and replaced to read and provide as follows, namely:

**"Sec. 2.152 (j).** That a schedule of rates and fees (EMS fees) is hereby established to recover the EMS costs on a "fee for service" basis. Resident is hereby defined as any person who lives in the corporate limits of the Town and non-resident is hereby defined as any person who does not live in the corporate limits of the Town. Such EMS fees shall be assessed to those persons, or guardian for those persons, who directly benefit from the dispatch of the Town ambulance and the use of services from the EMS department as further described as follows:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>EMS Fee</i>	
		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>
(1) <i>ALS1 treatment and no transport.</i> Wherein the Town ambulance is dispatched as a result of a 911 emergency call and the patient/injured person did not refuse ALS1 service. The patient/injured person refused to be transported to the hospital in the Town ambulance		\$100.00	\$150.00
(2) <i>EMS Transport.</i> Wherein the Town ambulance is dispatched as a result of a 911 emergency call or a medical emergency call and the patient/injured person did not refuse transport to a hospital, and transport to a hospital was performed. In all cases when a patient/injured person is transported to a hospital, this EMS fee for EMS transport shall apply.	BLS	\$805.00	\$905.00
	ALS1	\$980.00	\$1,080.00
	ALS2	\$1,155.00	\$1,255.00
(3) <i>EMS false alarm.</i> Wherein the Town ambulance is dispatched as a result of a 911 emergency call or a medical emergency call, and where it was determined by the EMS department and confirmed in a report by the fire chief that the request to dispatch the Town ambulance was inadvertent or a genuine mistake, and where no EMS activities were provided nor any medical supplies of any value were used, and the patient/injured person refused service, and transport to a hospital was not provided. The first occurrence of any such EMS false alarm from the same location in a twelve-month period shall not incur the stated fee, but the second or subsequent EMS false alarm from that location in a twelve-month period shall incur the stated fee.		\$200.00	\$300.00
(4) <i>EMS prank call.</i> Wherein the Town ambulance is dispatched as a result of a 911 emergency call or a medical emergency call, and where it was		\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00

determined by the EMS department and confirmed in a report by the fire chief that such call was intentionally false, and without regard to whether any EMS activities were provided, or any medical supplies of any value were used.			
(5) <i>Medical supplies.</i> Shall be charged for any such materials described in subsection (e) above, based on the typical cost of such materials paid by the Town, but such charges shall apply only in cases when any of the EMS fees described in this subsection (j) are charged.		Actual Cost	Actual Cost
(6) <i>Mileage.</i> Shall be charged for total miles traveled by the Town ambulance with a patient/injured person physically on board the ambulance whenever transport to the hospital is made. All funds collected for mileage shall be placed in a separate fund known as the ambulance capital replacement fund.		\$15.00 per mile	\$17.00 per mile

All fees stated above shall automatically increase at a rate of 3% annually, with the first increase beginning on January 1, 2022, without the need for any further amendment to this subdivision.

**SECTION TWO:** That all remaining terms and provisions of Town Code Chapter 2, Division 5, and all amendments thereto, not amended hereby, are hereby ratified and reaffirmed in all respects.

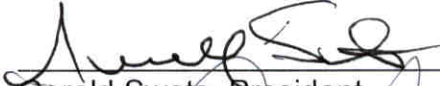
**SECTION THREE:** That all existing Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

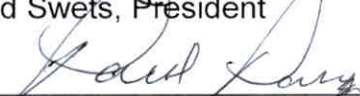
**SECTION FOUR:** If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

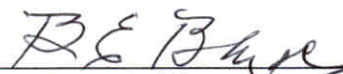
**SECTION FIVE:** That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, and publication in conformance with applicable law.

**ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28 DAY OF 2021,  
2020, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.**

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA,  
TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Gerald Swets, President

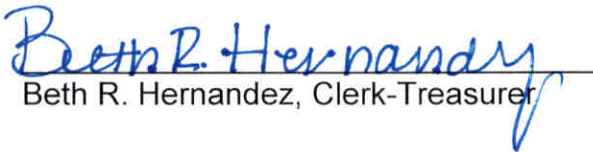
  
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Beth R. Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer

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