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Memorandum

DATE: May 4, 2016

TO: Mayor Prussing and City Council Members

FROM: Brian Nightlinger, Fire Chief

RE: Amendments to Urbana City Code Chapter 3.5 – Ambulance Services

Introduction: Attached is an ordinance amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3.5 – Ambulance Services.

Discussion: In 2003, Chapter 3.5 of the Urbana City Code – Ambulance Services was repealed in its entirety and replaced with the current version. The Chapter has not been revisited since that time, despite significant changes in the administration, oversight, and operation of ambulance services.

The most significant proposed changes reflect updates in emergency medical terminology and training requirements, and provisions for providing documentation of said training. There have also been substantial updates made with regard to driver safety; new language has been added concerning adherence to and any exceptions from traffic laws.

Other changes to the Chapter include clarification of requirements regarding ambulance licensing and associated fees, compliance with emergency dispatching procedures, emergency call monitoring, and the fines associated with violation of any of these provisions. Language has also been added which clarifies ambulance response time requirements, and allows for fines to be imposed should violations of this provision occur. Changes affecting the City fine schedule are addressed in Section 2 of the attached Ordinance. Changes affecting the Schedule of Fees will be addressed in a separate agenda item.

Fiscal Impact: Changes to the Ambulance License Fee will result in an increase in City revenues. This increase will be discussed in a separate agenda item.

Recommendation: It is recommended that an **Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 3.5 (Amendments to Ambulance Service Ordinance)** be approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05-035

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 3.5

(Amendments to Ambulance Services Ordinance)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public health, safety, and welfare will best be protected by regulating companies which provide ambulance services throughout the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on March 17, 2003, amended the Urbana City Code ("UCC") by adopting a new Chapter 3.5 - "Ambulance Services" which requires companies which provide ambulance services within the City to be licensed and which provides for the on-going regulation of such companies; and

WHEREAS, the means, methods and metrics by which ambulance services are provided have advanced since 2003 such that the City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to amend UCC Ch. 3.5 to provide for such improvement and updating in the provision of ambulance services within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

Urbana City Code Chapter 3.5, "Ambulance Services" is hereby amended as follows with the underlined language signifying language to be added and with the strike-out language signifying language to be deleted:

Chapter 3.5 - AMBULANCE SERVICES

ARTICLE I. - DEFINITIONS

Sec. 3.5-1. - Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms specified in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this article.

Sec. 3.5-2. - Advanced life support/mobile intensive care defined.

Advanced life support/mobile intensive care (ALS/MIC) means an advanced level of pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency care that includes basic life support functions (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) plus cardiac monitoring,

cardiac defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of antiarrhythmic agents, intravenous therapy, administration of medications, drugs and solutions, use of adjunctive medical devices, trauma care, and other authorized techniques and procedures) initiated for the treatment of real or potential acute life threatening conditions under the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a registered professional nurse/MICN or registered professional nurse/field RN, and where authorized by a ~~project~~ medical director in an Illinois Department of Public Health approved advanced life support system.

Sec. 3.5-3. -~~Emergency medical technician-paramedic~~ Advanced Provider defined.

~~Emergency medical technician-paramedic or EMT-P~~ Advanced Provider means a person who has successfully completed an Illinois Department of Public Health approved course of instruction in advanced life support-mobile intensive care services and is currently certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P).

Sec. 3.5-~~43~~. - Ambulance defined.

Ambulance means any publicly or privately owned vehicle that is specifically designed, constructed or modified and equipped, and is intended to be used for, and is maintained or operated for the emergency transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.

Sec. 3.5-~~54~~. - Ambulance service defined.

Ambulance service means the operation of an enterprise which has as one of its purposes the operation, or use on the streets, alleys, or any public way within the City of Urbana an ambulance which responds to emergency calls for the transportation of persons who are reported to be sick, injured, wounded, otherwise incapacitated, or helpless.

Sec. 3.5-~~65~~. - Ambulance service location defined.

Ambulance service location means the location at which ambulances are stored, maintained or from which ambulances are dispatched by an ambulance service.

Sec. 3.5-~~76~~. - Basic life support services defined.

Basic life support services or BLS means the rendering of basic level of pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency care, including but not limited to, airway management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, control of shock and bleeding and splinting of fractures, as outlined in a basic emergency care course approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health and meeting the current

national curriculum requirements of the United States Department of Transportation.

Sec. 3.5-~~87~~. - Change in ambulance service location defined.

Change in ambulance service location means a change by either adding or removing from use as part of the ambulance service storage, dispatch or maintenance facility used in the ambulance service from the list of those previously approved by the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief.

Sec. 3.5-~~98~~. - Change in ambulance defined.

Change in ambulance means a change by either adding or removing from service an ambulance from the list of those previously approved by the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief.

Sec. 3.5-~~109~~. - Emergency defined.

Emergency means a condition or situation in which an individual declares a need for immediate medical attention or when that need is declared by emergency medical personnel or a public safety official.

Sec. 3.5-~~110~~. - Emergency response business records defined.

Emergency response business records means those records which document the staff on duty for the ambulance service at any time and records which establish the staff's minimum qualifications required by this chapter, documents which record the number of responses to emergency calls, response times to emergency calls, maintenance records of the ambulance, phone logs indicating emergency calls for service and such other documents, tape recordings, computer records or other media which contain information necessary or convenient for the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief to determine if the ambulance service has complied or is complying with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3.5-~~121~~. - Emergency call defined.

Emergency call means the request by any means for ambulance service to respond to an emergency.

Sec. 3.5-~~123~~. - Emergency medical technician-~~basic~~ defined.

~~Emergency medical technician basic or EMT-B means a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction in basic life support services as required by and is currently certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health in accordance with standards prescribed by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act for the State of Illinois or by rules adopted pursuant to said Act, who provides emergency medical services. Emergency Medical Technician means staff or employees of an ambulance service~~

operating at the basic life support (EMT-B), intermediate life support (EMT-I), or advanced life support level who shall have successfully completed a course of instruction required by and certified by the State of Illinois Department of Public Health with standards prescribed by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act or by rules adopted pursuant to said Act and are in compliance with the local EMS system and approved to function at given level by the Medical Director of such system.

~~Sec. 3.5-13. — Emergency medical technician intermediate defined. — Emergency medical technician intermediate or EMT-I means an EMT-B currently certified by the department who has completed a department approved course of instruction in specific advanced life support mobile intensive care services and who is currently functioning in a program approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide such services under the supervision and control of a project medical director.~~

~~Sec. 3.5-14. — Emergency medical technician paramedic defined.~~

~~Emergency medical technician paramedic or EMT-P or Advanced Provider means a person who has successfully completed an Illinois Department of Public Health approved course of instruction in advanced life support mobile intensive care services and is currently certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health.~~

Sec. 3.5-146. - Fire ~~chief~~Chief defined.

Fire ~~e~~Chief means the duly appointed chief of the City of Urbana Fire Department or the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief's designee.

Sec. 3.5-157. - Fire department defined.

Fire department means the fire department of the City of Urbana.

Sec. 3.5-186. - Hospital defined.

Hospital has the meaning ascribed to that term in the State of Illinois Hospital Licensing Act, as that Act is now or may hereafter be amended.

Sec. 3.5-179. - Illinois Department of Public Health defined.

Illinois Department of Public Health or department means the Department of Public Health, State of Illinois, or its successor in function.

Sec. 3.5-1820. - Intermediate life support care defined.

Intermediate life support care means intermediate level of pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency care that includes BLS care, plus intravenous cannulation and fluid therapy, invasive airway management, trauma care, and other authorized techniques and

procedures initiated for the treatment of real or potential acute life-threatening conditions, under the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a registered professional nurse/MICN or registered professional nurse/field RN, and where authorized by a project medical director in a department approved EMS system.

Sec. 3.5-192~~1~~. - Police department defined.

Police department means the City of Urbana's police department.

Sec. 3.5-202. - Registered professional nurse/field RN defined.

Registered professional nurse/field RN means a registered nurse, licensed under the "Illinois Nursing Act", who has been approved by the project medical director in an Illinois Department of Public Health approved EMS system, and who has satisfactorily completed additional supplementary training including but not limited to courses in extrication; telemetry and communications; advanced cardiac life support, including defibrillation and intubations or its equivalent and either trauma nurse specialist or nurse trauma life support or their equivalents as approved by the ~~project~~ medical director.

Sec. 3.5-213. - Registered professional nurse/MICN defined.

Registered professional nurse/MICN means a registered nurse, licensed under "The Illinois Nursing Act", as amended, who has satisfactorily completed the mobile intensive care nurse course, including training in telemetry and communications, advanced cardiac life support, and a pre-hospital trauma support course or its equivalent, as approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Sec. 3.5-224. - Service zone defined.

Service zone is a geographical area defined by boundaries mutually agreed to by the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief and ambulance service and illustrated by a map.

Sec. 3.5-235. - Transfer defined.

Transfer is the non-emergency transport of a patient from one location to another.

Sec. 3.5-246. - Mutual aid agreement defined.

~~†Mutual aid agreement means†~~ an intergovernmental or interagency agreement providing for shared and common assistance when requested by one of the member agencies. The equipment and personnel provided by a mutual aid request may be predetermined for a particular type of incident or determined at the time of the request in consideration of available resources.

Sec. 3.5-25. - Reporting cycle defined.

Reporting cycle means a two month period for which a licensed ambulance company must submit reports of calls to which it responded in that time period.

Secs. 3.5-267-3.5-29. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE

Sec. 3.5-30. - Ambulance service license required; exceptions.

- (a) Unless a license is specifically not required by this section, no person either as owner, agent, or otherwise shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in ambulance service in the City of Urbana without a current ambulance service license issued pursuant to this chapter by the city or in violation of the terms or conditions of the license.
- (b) No ambulance license is required by:
 - (1) An ambulance service which has no maintenance, dispatch or storage facilities in the City of Urbana and which does not respond to an emergency within the city; or
 - (2) An ambulance service authorized by the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief to operate without a license in accordance with section 3.5-82.
- (c) In the event the ambulance service operates within the city without a license, the city may issue a notice of violation and a fine in the amount provided in Chapter 1. "General Provisions," Section 1-18 "Minimum fine schedule for certain violations."

Sec. 3.5-31. - Application procedure.

- (a) The application for license as an ambulance service shall be filed with the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief on a form prescribed and furnished by the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief. ~~The~~ application shall include but not be limited to the following information:
 - (1) Applicant's name, address, and trade or other assumed name under which the applicant proposes to operate the ambulance service.
 - (2) Name and address of each owner of the ambulance service.
 - (3) Description of each ambulance to be used in the operations during the period of the license.

- (4) Address and location from which an ambulance or ambulances will be operated, stored, dispatched or maintained by the ambulance service whether located in or outside the City of Urbana.
 - (5) List of personnel of the ambulance service with EMT certification and the personnel's respective EMT certifications and required training. (Sec. 3.5-51 letter e)
 - (6) Schedule of fees and rates.
 - (7) Service goals and objectives.
- (b) ~~At the time the application for license is submitted, the license fee shall also be submitted. Refer to Schedule of Fees, section B general, Number 4 miscellaneous, letter h Ambulance for fee cost.~~ An application for an ambulance service license shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified on the city's fee schedule. The fee shall be that which is adopted by the city council and which appears on the city's schedule of fees.

Sec. 3.5-32. - Issuance or denial of license.

- (a) Upon receipt of an application for an ambulance service license, the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall cause an investigation of the applicant and the proposed operations. Such investigation shall be completed within fifteen (15) business days from receipt of the application and license fee unless the ambulance service agrees to an extension of time.
- (b) The ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall approve the issuance of an ambulance service license to the applicant unless the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief determines, after reasonable investigation, that the applicant or the staff proposed to be used by the applicant, or a vehicle or vehicles proposed to be used by the applicant do not meet the requirements of this chapter, or the provisions of Chapter 14 of this Code relating to the denial of a license, or other requirements imposed by law.
- (c) Each license shall be issued to the person named in the application for the ambulances and locations specified in the application. The license may not be transferred or assigned to any other person.
- (d) A copy of each license issued by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall be filed with the city clerk.

Sec. 3.5-33. - Expiration of an ambulance service license.

Each license shall expire on the thirtieth day of ~~April~~June following date of its issuance.

Sec. 3.5-34. - Renewal application.

- (a) ~~The annual license renewal fee and an~~ application for renewal of an ambulance service license shall be filed with the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief on a form prescribed and furnished by the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief no sooner than ninety (90) days prior to the license expiration but no later than sixty (60) days prior to the license expiration. Failure to submit a license renewal application within the prescribed time period shall be grounds for denying the renewal license. The ambulance service denied a renewal license for this reason may apply for a new license at any time.
- (b) An application for an ambulance service license renewal shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified on the city's fee schedule. The fee shall be that which is adopted by the city council and which appears on the city's schedule of fees.
- (~~b~~c) An application for renewal of an ambulance service license may be denied for the same reasons that an original application for an ambulance service license may be denied.

Secs. 3.5-35-3.5-49. - Reserved.

ARTICLE III. - AMBULANCE SERVICE OPERATION REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 3.5-50. - Ambulance availability, design, and equipment requirements.

- (a) Each ambulance service will provide coverage in "zones" mutually agreed to by the services and the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief. Coverage will be defined in the "EMS Response and Deployment Rules and Regulations."
- (b) In addition to the coverage provided in the zones referenced above, each ambulance service shall be required, at the direction of the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief, to respond with available ambulances to locations outside of the ~~Champaign-
Urbana~~Urbana-Champaign city limits as part of a response to a request from the State of Illinois or another local governmental unit pursuant to any mutual aid agreement the city has with the State of Illinois or the said unit of local government. Said ambulance service shall not be entitled to reimbursement for the costs of its response to said mutual aid request unless, and only to the extent that the city receives payments or reimbursement for said services.
- (c) Each ambulance used or proposed to be used in a licensed ambulance service shall meet the same design and equipment requirements that the ambulance would be required to meet in

order to be licensed by the State of Illinois as an ambulance as those requirements are now or may hereafter be amended.

- (d) An ambulance shall be considered available for use by the ambulance service if it is under the sole control of the ambulance service for its sole use and it is operational, stored and dispatched by the ambulance service from within Champaign/Urbana city limits or a location approved by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief.

Sec. 3.5-51. - EMT requirements.

- (a) When in use for emergency calls, each ambulance shall have as personnel in the ambulance at least ~~one (1) EMT-P and one (1) EMT-B or two (2) EMT-P's on all emergency calls~~ one (1) EMT and one (1) Advanced provider or two (2) Advanced Providers.

~~(b) Each licensed ambulance service shall have on duty and available for immediate response in an approved ambulance at least two (2) EMT-B's (one per unit) and at least two (2) EMT-P's (one per unit); persons involved in transfer calls to or from points outside of Champaign/Urbana city limits shall not be considered personnel available to meet this requirement while they are committed to such transfer call.~~

~~(c) An EMT-P may be counted as an EMT-B for purposes of meeting the requirements of this section.~~

- ~~(db)~~ A registered professional nurse/MICN, registered professional nurse/field RN, or physician may be counted as an EMT-P or EMT-B for purposes of meeting this section.

- ~~(ec)~~ Additional training requirements for operating within the Urbana/Champaign city limits include the following:

(1) Each ambulance unit operating must be staffed by a minimum of one EMT-P trained in: ~~hazardous material operations for emergency medical services by their employer.~~

~~(2) All EMT-P's and EMT-B's shall be trained annually on the Urbana/Champaign Fire Department's Incident Command System.~~

~~(3) Each ambulance service shall provide a copy of documentation to the fire chief or designee showing annual certification of required training.~~

(i) Hazardous material awareness;

(ii) Technical rescue awareness;

(iii) Emergency response to terrorism, basic concepts;

- (iv) National incidents management systems (NIMS) compliant with certificates in IS 100, 200 and 700; and
- (v) All supervisory staff must be in compliance with national incidents systems (NIMS) with certificates in IS 300 and 400.
- (2) All EMT-P's and EMT-B's shall be trained annually on the Urbana/Champaign Fire Department's Incident Command System.
- (3) All EMT-P's and EMT-B's shall have drivers training certification (Fire Service Vehicle Operation or emergency operator's course) within 21 days of employment, but shall not be permitted to drive an ambulance until such certification has been obtained.
- (4) Each ambulance service shall provide a copy of documentation to the Fire Chief or designee showing annual certification of required training.
- (5) All licensees must certify the training of their personnel annually when renewing their license. All licensees must maintain adequate documentation of the above required training. The Fire Chief shall have the right to inspect the training records to ensure compliance with this section.

Sec. 3.5-52. - Change in location of ambulance.

- (a) A licensed ambulance service shall notify the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief in writing at least one hundred twenty (120) business days prior to changing the location of its operations. For purposes of this section, "location of operations" means the zone where ambulances and staff are located while on duty awaiting to be dispatched.
- (b) The ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall approve or deny the request within ten (10) business days after receipt of a request. The ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall approve the change in location unless the proposed change would violate this Code or any provision of an ordinance of the city or state or federal law or regulations.

Sec. 3.5-53. - Approval and notification of use and decommissioning of ambulance.

- (a) No person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall operate or allow another to operate an ambulance to respond to an emergency call for or on behalf of a licensed ambulance service unless its use for such purpose is approved by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief.

- (b) All requests for approval to use an ambulance under this section shall be submitted in writing to the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief on a form provided by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief.
- (c) The ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall approve the use of an ambulance within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written request unless its use would violate a provision of this Code, any rules or regulations promulgated to implement this chapter, an ordinance of the city, or a state or federal law or regulation.
- (d) A licensed ambulance service shall notify the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief in writing within five (5) business days after it permanently ceases use of an ambulance.

Sec. 3.5-54. - Change in ownership.

A licensed ambulance service shall report in writing to the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief any change in ownership sixty (60) calendar days prior to change in ownership. The ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief may deny issuance of license if the owners do not meet this Code, provisions of an ordinance of the city, state, federal law or regulation. For purposes of this section, change in ownership shall mean the transfer of all or any part of an interest in a sole proprietorship or partnership or the transfer of more than five (5) per cent of the stock of a private corporation or twenty-five (25) per cent of the stock of a public corporation.

Sec. 3.5-55. - Provision of ambulance service regardless of ability to pay or location of services.

Each licensed ambulance service shall provide emergency service within the City of Urbana without regard to a person's ability to pay for such service or the location of requested services.

Sec. 3.5-56. - Use of unapproved location prohibited.

No person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall operate or maintain an ambulance service at a location not approved by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief.

Sec. 3.5-57. - Compliance with emergency dispatch procedures.

- (a) Each licensed ambulance service shall comply with all emergency dispatch procedures established by the city's fire department and police department and any dispatching agency for the fire or police department.
- (b) If for any reason a licensed ambulance service is not able to comply with the operational requirements set forth in this article, it shall immediately report that status to the fire department in accordance with the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief's emergency dispatch procedures.

- (c) An ambulance service shall not respond to any requests for emergency assistance unless it is in compliance with the operational requirements set forth in this article, unless specifically authorized to respond by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief or the fire chief~~Fire Chief's designee~~ as provided for in the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief's emergency dispatch procedures.
- (d) Personnel affiliated with a licensed ambulance service or hospital who wish to respond to an emergency scene in a vehicle other than an ambulance are required to:
 - (1) Identify their response over the metro fire frequency; and
 - (2) Be in compliance with all city, state, or federal laws and regulations in regards to emergency response; and
 - (3) Be in compliance with the current emergency medical dispatch system.
- (e) An ambulance service licensed to operate within the Urbana city limits shall have in place and utilize the current system used for emergency medical dispatch (EMD).
- (f) All 911 calls for medical response shall be notified disseminated by the dispatching agency for the fire or police department.
- (g) In the event the ambulance service fails to meet the emergency dispatch procedures provided in this section 3.5-57, the city may issue a notice of violation and a fine in the amount provided in Chapter 1. "General Provisions," Section 1-18 "Minimum fine schedule for certain violations."

Sec. 3.5-58. - Monitoring emergency dispatch calls.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any ambulance service to respond in or through the City of Urbana to a call for an ambulance made by an organized police or fire department or any such department's official dispatching agency unless a specific request is directed to the ambulance service by the organized police or fire department or any such department's official dispatching agency.
- (b) In the event the ambulance service responds to an emergency dispatch call in a manner other than as provided in this section 3.5-58, the city may issue a notice of violation and a fine in the amount provided in Chapter 1. "General Provisions," Section 1-18 "Minimum fine schedule for certain violations."

Sec. 3.5-59. - Immediate emergency response required.

Each licensed ambulance service shall immediately respond to any emergency call for an ambulance directed to that ambulance service and originated by the police or fire department or any such department's official dispatching agency. If the licensed ambulance service is not able to immediately respond to the emergency or is not able to respond with an appropriate or requested level of service, the licensed ambulance service shall immediately report this situation to the agency and shall follow the directions of that agency regarding the response.

Sec. 3.5-60. - Response times.

(a) Response Times.

Every ambulance service licensed to operate within the Urbana city limits shall meet the following response criteria:

- (1) Response time is defined as the time between when a call is received and the time of arrival when the ambulance service arrives on the scene of the incident for which the call was made.
- (2) The ALS/MIC ambulance shall arrive at the scene of all calls categorized as class B, C, D, or E calls as defined by the emergency medical dispatch system within eight (8) minutes of the time the call was received by the ambulance service. This time criterion of eight (8) minutes response time for all class B, C, D or E calls must be met on at least ninety (90) percent of all such calls received during any period of six (6) of two (2) consecutive months reporting cycle. This applies to all ALS units on code response (lights and sirens).
- (3) All other non-code responses to calls categorized as class A ~~or B~~ as defined by the emergency medical dispatch system shall arrive on scene within twelve (12) minutes of the time the call was received by the ambulance service. This time criterion must be met on at least ninety (90) percent of the calls received during any ~~period of six (6) of two (2) consecutive months~~ reporting cycle.
- (4) Any ambulance service licensed to operate within the Urbana city limits shall provide to the ~~fire chief~~ Fire Chief or designee a written monthly bi-monthly report at the Local Emergency Services Advisory Committee (LEMSAC) meeting.
- (5) At the request of the Fire Chief, an audit of response times provided by an ambulance service shall be conducted in the manner directed by the Fire Chief.
- (6) In the event the ambulance service fails to meet the response times required by this section, the City may

issue a notice of violation and a fine in the amount provided in Chapter 1. "General Provisions," Section 1-18 "Minimum fine schedule for certain violations" for each call that falls outside the required response time criterion outlined in subsections (a)(2) and/or (a)(3) of this section.

(b) ~~Response Time Exemptions~~ — Exceptions to Response Time Requirements.

In some cases, financial penalties and response time compliance reports may be waived by the Fire Chief in the exercise of his or her sole discretion for the following instances:

- (1) Failure by dispatching agency to give accurate location information (including address or cross street) to responding unit;
- (2) Weather conditions which impair visibility, create unsafe driving conditions, or block normal route to the scene of the incident to which the ambulance service was dispatched;
- (3) Wrong or incomplete address provided by the requesting party the person requesting ambulance service assistance;
- (4) Unavoidable delays caused by conditions or circumstances out of the control of the responding ambulance service, including but not limited to road construction or train blocking railroad crossing.

Secs. 3.5-61-3.5-79. - Reserved

ARTICLE IV. - AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSING ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 3.5-80. - Authority to promulgate ambulance operation emergency dispatch procedures.

- (a) The ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief is hereby granted the authority ~~of~~ to promulgate rules and regulations for governing the emergency dispatch of ambulances in order to promote the safe response of ambulances in an emergency.
- (b) Any emergency dispatch rules and regulations promulgated by the ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief shall not conflict with the provisions of this Code and shall be considered supplemental to this Code.
- (c) The emergency dispatch rules and regulations shall provide for the selection of a licensed ambulance service to be dispatched in an emergency requiring the response of an ambulance. The rules and regulations may provide that the selection of an ambulance in any situation may be based on

rotational, geographical, or other criteria as the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief shall determine will promote an orderly response by persons with sufficient training and experience to respond to the emergency.

- (d) The ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief shall file any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this section with the city clerk and shall ~~mail~~ mail a copy of any such rule or regulation to each licensed ambulance service, to the police chief, and to all official dispatching agencies for the police or fire department pursuant to this Code at the time the rule or regulation is promulgated and at least seven (7) calendar days prior to such rule or regulation taking effect.

Sec. 3.5-81. - Right to inspect operational locations and ambulances.

The ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief shall have the right to inspect all operational locations and ambulances proposed to be used or used by a licensed ambulance service at any reasonable time and investigate the emergency response business records of the applicant and staff to be used in the ambulance service at reasonable times, provided, however, that the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief shall not be allowed to inspect those portions of records which are prohibited from inspection by federal or state law. Should the ambulance service refuse to allow inspection of a portion of a record due to a federal or state law, the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief may require that the ambulance service specify the particular law which restricts inspection and shall be allowed to inspect those portions of the records that are not prohibited by law from disclosure.

Sec. 3.5-82. - Fire ~~chief~~Fire Chief's right to authorize service by unlicensed vehicles.

In the case of an emergency where the number of licensed ambulances available is determined by the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief to be insufficient to render the required emergency ambulance service, the ~~fire-
chief~~Fire Chief may authorize non-licensed vehicles to operate as ambulances in response to the emergency.

Sec. 3.5-83. - Suspension or revocation of license.

- (a) In addition to any fine issued pursuant to Section 3.5-30(c), 3.5-57(g), 3.5-58(b), or 3.5-60(a)(6) of this chapter, t~~The
fire-
chief~~Fire Chief may impose a fines against or suspend or revoke the license of a licensed ambulance service for any violations of any of the provisions of this chapter or any rules or regulations promulgated to implement the provisions of this chapter, in an amount no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).~~in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14 of this Code or any amendment thereto. In lieu of or in addition to the suspension or revocation of an ambulance license, the issuing authority may impose a fine of not less than fifty dollars~~

~~(\$50.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each violation.~~

- (b) In addition to or instead of any fine issued for any violation of this chapter, the ambulance service's license may be suspended or revoked in the manner provided for in Chapter 14, Section 14-15 (suspension of license and appeal), Section 14-16 (revocation and hearing), and Section 14-17 (status of license pending appeal from suspension order or recommendation of revocation) of this Code. The penalty provisions provided in this chapter shall supersede the penalty provisions provided in Chapter 14 of this Code.

Sec 3.5-84.- Obedience to traffic Laws; Exception. -Adherence to traffic laws

- (a) No person shall operate an ambulance in a manner not conforming to the provisions of the State of Illinois motor vehicle laws, rule and regulations, and applicable city ordinances regarding the driving or operating of vehicles upon the public rights-of-way, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, an ambulance driver may operate on a city public right-of-way in excess of the allowable speed limit when:
- (1) responding to a bona fide emergency call which is believed to involve a serious risk to human life, health, or safety, or an imminent such risk; or
 - (2) directed to do so by a duly licensed physician when transporting a critically injured or ill patient to a hospital emergency facility or other emergency medical service provider; and
 - (3) the ambulance's audible and visual signals are operating.
- (c) An ambulance driver must operate an ambulance in such a manner so as to slow down the speed of or stop the ambulance in order to avoid an accident in the following circumstances:
- (1) when approaching an intersection of any type whether or not there is a traffic control sign or device in the direction of travel by the ambulance;
 - (2) when crossing into an oncoming lane of traffic;
 - (3) when directed by a law enforcement officer;
 - (4) in response to all stop signs or other traffic control signs or devices;

- (5) at or on negative right-of-way intersections;
 - (6) at any blind intersection where lateral visibility in either direction is hampered or impaired;
 - (7) when the ambulance driver cannot visually account for all lanes of traffic in an intersection; or
 - (8) when other hazards, road conditions, construction work, and/or other activity is present.
- (d) An ambulance driver, without exception, must adhere to all State of Illinois laws concerning the operation of vehicles in duly designated school zones and/or when a school bus is present and stopped with some visible warning (stop arm extended, flashing red lights) present which indicates that the school bus is loading or unloading children. Under all circumstances, an ambulance driver must operate his or her ambulance with due regard for the safety of all persons.

Section 2.

Urbana City Code Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-18, "Minimum fine schedule for certain violations" shall be and hereby is amended with strike-through indicating language to be deleted and underlining indicating language to be included as follows:

Section	Section Title	Minimum Fine
Chapter 3.5	Ambulances	
3.5-58	Monitoring emergency dispatch calls.	165.00
3.5-60	Failure to Meet Response Times	25.00

Section 3.

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor