

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04-021

**RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER 20-02
AMBULANCE SERVICES STAFFING AND
RESPONSE TIMES ISSUED ON MARCH 31, 2020**

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 function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2020-03-015, Temporary Emergency Ordinance to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 and pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-03-015, the Mayor issued Emergency Order 20-02 – Modification of Certain Sections of Urbana City Code Chapter 3.5 – Ambulance Services to address issues relating to staffing of and response times provided by privately-owned ambulance services that operate within the City of Urbana ; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Ordinance No. 2020-03-015 provides that all emergency orders issued by the Mayor shall be subject to review and ratification by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed Emergency Order 20-02 and believes that it benefits public health, safety and welfare residents, businesses and visitors in and to the City of Urbana.

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

Section 1.

The City Council, after reviewing Emergency Order 20-02, hereby ratifies and confirms the said Emergency Order and the same shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Mayor repeals or otherwise lifts Emergency Order 20-02 or the City Council repeals Ordinance No. 2020-03-015 which ever occurs first.

Section 2.

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.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

COVID-19 RELATED *EMERGENCY ORDER*



EMERGENCY ORDER 20-02

MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 3.5 – AMBULANCE SERVICES

Effective Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 until further notice.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order temporarily modifies the staffing requirements and response times for private ambulance companies operating in the City of Urbana as otherwise provided in Urbana City Code Chapter 3.5-51.

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE EMERGENCY ORDER: Ordinance No. 2020-03-015 – Temporary Emergency Order to Address the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic, Section 13; Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order No. 10 Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Order No. 8).

ISSUER OF EMERGENCY ORDER 20-02: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor.

Pursuant to Section 13 of Ordinance No. 2020-03-015, I, Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, do hereby issue the following Emergency Order 20-02 as follows:

1. Current Urbana City Code Requirements for Ambulance Staffing and Response Time Requirements.

Urbana City Code (“UCC”) Sections 3.5-51(a) and (b) require that private ambulance companies staff their ambulances, when in use for emergency calls, with one EMT and one advanced provider or two advanced providers. UCC Section 3.5-60(a)(2) provides that private ambulance companies must respond to (i) scene calls categorized as class B, C, D, or E (as defined by the emergency dispatch system) within eight (8) minutes of when the dispatch call was received and (ii) all other non-code responses to dispatch calls categorized as class A (as defined by the emergency dispatch system) within twelve (12) minutes. At least ninety percent (90%) of responses in a reporting period must meet these response times.

2. Temporary Emergency Adjustment to Staffing Qualification Requirements.

Private ambulance companies are expected to adhere to the staffing requirements in UCC Sections 3.5-51(a) and (b) where practicable. However, the City will allow ambulances operated by private companies to be staffed at a minimum level with two EMT-Basic certified individuals while this Emergency Order No. 20-02 is in effect without incurring any fine.

3. Temporary Emergency Adjustment to Response Time Requirements.

Private ambulance companies are expected to adhere to the response time requirements in UCC Section 3.5-60(a)(2) where practicable. Private ambulance companies will continue to be required to report their respective response times as provided in UCC Section 3.5-60(a)(4). However, the City will waive any penalties provided for in UCC Section 3.5-60(a)(6) if response times fall below the 90%

level for provided in UCC Section 3.5-60(a)(2) for any reporting period during the period when this Emergency Order No. 20-02 is in effect.

4. Continuation of UCC Ch. 3.5.

Except as provided above, all other sections of UCC Ch. 3.5 shall remain in force and effect.

DATE: 3.31.2020

Diane Wolfe Marlin
Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

ATTEST: Wendy M. Hunt
City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk

