## ORDINANCE 2022 -3

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, ENTITLED, "UTILIZATION CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council is desirous of amending Section 153.12 of the Codified Ordinances to update ambulance fees to be assessed for emergency services rendered; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Section 153.12 of the Codified Ordinances shall be amended, as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto, and incorporated as fully rewritten.

<u>Section 2</u>. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety of the municipality and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to amend Section 153.12 to support budget projections; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 3 14-32

ATTEST: MONTH OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 3-14-32

MAYOR MARIE GALLO

## **Exhibit A**

## 153.12 UTILIZATION CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

- (a) The Council hereby adopts as utilization charges the following rates:
  - (1) Basic Life Support \$300-550.00
  - (2) Advanced Life Support 1 450-\$750.00
  - (3) Advanced Life Support 2 500-\$950.00
  - (4) With a mileage fee of \$615.00 per mile when transporting.
- (b) The Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized and directed to establish a billing procedure consistent with the rates identified in division (a) of this section for the services provided, and to perform collection of such billings or to engage an agency to perform such collection services for a reasonable fee which shall be negotiated from time to time by the Mayor.
- (c) It is the policy of this Council that the procedures for billing shall include the waiver of such billings where it is determined that the person receiving the emergency services is indigent or is otherwise unable to pay for such services, and there is no other source for the payment thereof.
- (d) The funds collected pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be deposited into one or more funds established by Council for the purposes of the acquisition of medical services vehicles, equipment, Fire Department equipment, the upgrading and/or replacement of the current Fire and Police Department building and facilities, the payment of the cost of financing thereof, and any cost incurred in the collection of such fees. All interest earned on the monies to the credit of such funds shall be credited to the same fund.

(Ord. 2002-14. Passed 4-22-02.)