

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 2

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

WHEREAS, the Administration is recommending that Section 153.12 of the Parma Heights Codified Ordinances be amended to update ambulance fees to be assessed for emergency services rendered; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt the recommendation of the Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That Section 153.12 of the Codified Ordinances as it previously existed is amended, and as amended, shall henceforth read as shown by edits set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2: 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 Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety of the Municipality, and for the further reason that it is necessary to reflect current EMS utilization rates; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED:	<u>January 8, '24</u>	<u>Thomas Rounds</u> PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:	<u>Barbara Allen</u> CLERK OF COUNCIL	<u>January 8, '24</u> APPROVED
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:	<u>January 8, '24</u>	<u>Marie Gallo</u> 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 ~~\$550.00~~ \$650.00
- (2) Advanced Life Support 1 \$750.00
- (3) Advanced Life Support 2 ~~\$950.00~~ \$1,050.00
- (4) With a mileage fee of ~~\$15.00~~ \$16.00 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; Ord. 2022-3. Passed 3-14-22.)