

AN ORDINANCE TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING AMBULANCE SERVICE IN SURRY COUNTY, CREATING AN AMBULANCE COMMISSION, AND DETERMINING FEES AND CHARGES TO BE MADE BY THE AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE SERVICES AND TRIPS.

The Surry County Board of Commissioners do hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Franchise: It shall be unlawful to provide ambulance services or to operate ambulances with Surry County without having first been granted a franchise by the Surry County Board of Commissioners to do so, except that the several rescue squads in Surry County and any other similar agencies, within the scope of authority granted such agencies by state law, shall not be prohibited hereunder from carrying on the business for which the organization was formed.

Section 2. Area: Surry County Emergency Medical Service shall, within the area of Surry County, render ambulance service operator or operators for the citizens of Surry County and shall operate an ambulance service as a line department of Surry County.

Section 3. Fees: Fees to be charged by the Surry County Emergency Medical Service shall be as follows:

- (a) Routine trips one-way within Surry County, \$25.00
- (b) Return of patient to place originally transported from after two hours, \$25.00
- (c) Return of patient to place originally transported from within two hours, \$10.00
- (d) Trip to any medical facility in Alleghany, Forsyth, Grayson, Patrick, Stokes, Wilkes, or Yadkin Counties, \$40.00
- (e) Return of patient from Alleghany, Forsyth, Grayson, Patrick, Stokes, Wilkes, or Yadkin Counties to place originally transported from after one hour \$40.00
- (f) Return of patient from Alleghany, Forsyth, Grayson, Patrick, Stokes, Wilkes, or Yadkin Counties to place originally transported from within one hour \$20.00
- (g) Trip to other places not herein otherwise provided for, \$25.00 plus \$1.00 per mile.
- (h) In cases where more than one patient is transported, the normal charge will be used plus \$10.00 per additional patient. The total charge is then divided equally among the patients transported and billed to each. For example: A trip (and no return) to Forsyth County for two patients would be \$40.00 for the trip plus \$10.00 for the additional patient for a total of \$50.00. The charge to each patient would be \$25.00.
- (i) In cases where a patient is transported to one medical facility and then to another within two hours, only the charge for the trip to the ultimate destination will be applied. After two hours from the original trip, a patient will be charged for all trips.
- (j) There is to be no charge for additional passengers who are not patients. This rule is not intended to be in conflict with any rules about transporting additional passengers which the ambulance service might have.
- (k) All I.V. infusions started by the service will be \$5.00 per patient.

Section 4. Ambulance Commission: There is hereby created an Ambulance Commission for Surry County.

- (a) Membership: The Ambulance Commission of Surry County shall have nine (9) members--six(6) of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Surry County and three(3) of whom shall be ex-officio members and be members of the Ambulance Commission by virtue of their positions. The nine (9) members of the Ambulance Commission shall consist of the following:

- (1) one ex-officio member shall be the county manager;
  - (2) one ex-officio member shall be a member of the Surry County Board of Commissioners and, when appointed by the Board of Commissioners, shall serve the term on the Ambulance Commission that coincides with his term as a member of the Surry County Board of Commissioners.
  - (3) one ex-officio member shall be the manager of the Surry County Emergency Medical Service and shall serve the term on the Ambulance Commission as long as he is the manager of the Surry County Emergency Medical Service;
  - (4) two members shall be physicians;
  - (5) one member shall be a layman;
  - (6) two members shall be hospital administrators;
  - (7) one member shall be a State Highway Patrolman.
- (b) Term: The members of the Ambulance Commission are to be appointed by the Surry County Board of Commissioners for four-year terms except the initial Ambulance Commission may be composed of appointees who shall be appointed for terms as follows:

- (1) the county manager shall serve on the Ambulance Commission as long as he is county manager;
  - (2) the manager of the Surry county Emergency Medical Service shall serve on the Ambulance Commission as long as he is the manager of the Surry County Emergency Medical Service;
  - (3) the county commissioner shall serve on the Ambulance Commission for the term he is elected as commissioner on the Surry County Board of Commissioners and as appointed by the Board of Commissioners;
  - (4) two members shall be appointed for one-year terms;
  - (5) two members shall be appointed for two-year terms;
  - (6) two members shall be appointed for three-year terms;
- After the initial terms, all but ex-officio members of the Ambulance Commission shall be appointed for four-year terms.

(c) Authority: The Ambulance Commission shall have authority to determine for Surry County whether or not the citizens of Surry county are receiving adequate and competent ambulance service at the most reasonable cost from the Surry County Emergency Medical Service. This authority and responsibility shall include defining "Adequate Ambulance Service" and "Most Reasonable Cost." The Ambulance commission shall have the further authority in connection with ambulance service to establish objectives, determine policy, develop service standards, and recommend rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations for the operation of the Surry County Emergency Medical Service shall have no force and effect unless and until the same are approved and adopted by the Surry County Board of Commissioners. The Ambulance Commission shall oversee the system, provide advice and guidance to the system, and report the status of the system and make recommendations to the Surry County government. The Ambulance Commission shall have no authority to act in conflict with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Section 5. Violations: If any person, firm, or corporation shall violate the provisions of this ordinance and the rules and regulations made herein or of pertinent state and local laws, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding \$50.00 or imprisoned not exceeding 30 days as provided by law. If this section or any other section of this ordinance shall at any time be held void by the final judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction, the other sections hereof are intended to be severable and shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective on or after May 2, 1977.

Adopted and ratified this 2nd day of May, 1977.

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

BY: /s/ Roxie B. Roth  
Chairman

/s/ Debbie Brindle  
Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by a unanimous vote of the members of Board of Commissioners of Surry County on the 2nd day of May, 1977--all members present, 5 voting for the adoption of the ordinance and none voting against the adoption of the ordinance.