

Plainfield Town Council

ORDINANCE NO. 56-2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 6-97 ALSO KNOWN AS AN ORDINANCE REGULATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA AS PROVIDED BY THE PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHERE AS, the Plainfield Fire Department provides emergency medical ambulance service to the town of Plainfield, Indiana; and

WHERE AS, The Plainfield Fire Department Emergency Medical Ambulance service is made up of Indiana State Certified Emergency Medical Technicians, Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Technician Paramedics; and

WHERE AS, these personnel offer the Plainfield community both Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support Skills; and

WHERE AS, the Indiana State Emergency Medical Services Commission and the Town of Plainfield must regulate guidelines, policies and fees in order to provide a professional emergency medical ambulance service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana that:

SECTION 1. TITLE

- A. This ordinance and all ordinances supplemental or amendatory hereto, shall be known as the "Emergency Medical Ambulance Service Ordinance of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana"

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to prescribe requirements, and control fees for the operations of an emergency medical ambulance service in the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, which is operated by the Town of Plainfield Fire Department.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

- A. The Plainfield Fire Department will operate and maintain an emergency ambulance service that provides both basic life support and advanced life support to the citizens of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana

- B. This emergency medical ambulance service will be operated and maintained for medical emergencies only and not for prearranged medical visits, transportation to doctor's offices, clinics, convalescent transfers or transportation of patients from hospitals back to their residence or extended care facility unless duly authorized by the Fire Chief or his or her designee. Our obligation is to only render emergency first aid and if necessary transport emergency patients to an authorized hospital.

SECTION 4. AUTHORIZED TRANSPORT DESTINATIONS

- A. The following is a list of hospital facilities to which the Plainfield Fire Department is authorized to transport emergency patients from within their jurisdiction:
- a. Clarian Hospital West
 - b. Community Hospital South
 - c. Heart Center of Indiana
 - d. Hendricks Regional Health
 - e. Indiana Heart Hospital
 - f. Indiana University Hospital
 - g. Methodist Hospital
 - h. Morgan County Hospital
 - i. Riley Hospital
 - j. Richard Roudebush Veterans Hospital
 - k. St. Francis Hospital Beech Grove
 - l. St. Francis Hospital Mooresville
 - m. St. Francis Hospital South Campus
 - n. St. Vincent's Hospital 86th Street
 - o. Westview Hospital
 - p. Wishard Memorial Hospital
 - q. St. Vincent's Women's Hospital
- B. As hospitals change names, offered services or as new hospitals are constructed, the Fire Chief shall have authority to add to or delete from this list of authorized hospital destinations. The Fire Chief shall notify the Town Council within 30 days of any changes made to the list of authorized hospital facilities.

SECTION 5. DESTINATION DETERMINATION

- A. When suitable, the request of the patient or patient's legal representative shall be honored in accordance with the authorized transport destinations list.
- B. Every effort shall be made to follow the request of the family physician or attending physician when determining destination.

- C. If warranted by the seriousness of the injury or illness, the emergency medical personnel shall make the determination of the destination either by their own evaluation or by contact with the appropriate hospital.
- D. Emergency situations, bed diversions, lack of specialty care equipment or staff may prevent a patient from being transported to the hospital of their choice or being diverted en-route from the hospital of their choice to an alternate hospital.

SECTION 6. MUTUAL AID TO AREAS SURROUNDING THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

- A. Based on availability of equipment and/or personnel, the emergency medical ambulance will assist another fire department or ambulance service with equipment and/or personnel if requested.
- B. The Plainfield Fire Chief shall have the authority to establish the boundaries and limitations for mutual aid. The Fire Chief shall notify the Town Council within 30 days of any changes made to the boundaries and limitations for mutual aid.
- C. When rendering mutual aid, a reasonable attempt will be made to comply with the requesting agencies authorized transport destination list.

SECTION 7. REQUIRED TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, EQUIPMENT, POLICIES AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- A. All training, state certifications, equipment, supplies, policies and operational procedures shall be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana, the rule of the Emergency Medical Services Commission, the sponsoring hospital, the physician providing medical direction and the rules, regulations and standard operational guidelines of the Plainfield Fire Department.

SECTION 8. AMBULANCE SERVICE CHARGES AND FEE STRUCTURE

- A. The Town of Plainfield, Indiana operates an emergency medical ambulance service to safeguard and protect the life and public welfare of the Plainfield community. The intent of this service is to care for the citizens of Plainfield and offer competent emergency medical care.
- B. In order to provide and maintain the equipment, supplies and certified personnel of a professional emergency medical ambulance service, it is necessary for The Town of Plainfield, Indiana to establish ambulance service fees.

- C. The Town of Plainfield, Indiana shall only charge a patient if said patient is transported by Plainfield Fire Department personnel or a Plainfield Fire Department personnel assists with treatment on an ambulance of another agency while providing mutual aid.
- D. The Plainfield Fire Department offers emergency medical care at two (2) levels. The level of care shall be determined by an evaluation of the seriousness of the patient's injury or illness. The two (2) levels of emergency care shall be as follows:

Basic Life Support

Advance Life Support

- E. The established fees for the levels of care shall be set at the following rates for the residents of the Town of Plainfield and the areas contracted for the provision of such service

Basic Life Support	\$300.00
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Advanced Life Support I	\$400.00
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Advanced Life Support II	\$500.00
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Advanced Life Support II shall be defined as 3 or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion excluding, crystalloid, hypotonic, isotonic and hypertonic solutions (Dextrose, Normal Saline, Ringers Lactate) not including intravenous fluids for the purpose of maintaining an IV access OR provision of at least one (1) of the following ALS procedures:

- Manual Defibrillation and/or Synchronized Cardioversion
- Endotracheal Intubation
- Central Venous Line
- Cardiac Pacing
- Chest Decompression
- Surgical Airway
- Intraosseous Line

Aspirin and oxygen do not qualify a response as an ALS II level. However, three (3) separate administrations of the same acceptable medication during a single transport do qualify as an ALS level II.

The established fees for the levels of care shall be set at the following rates for non-residents of the Town of Plainfield and the areas contracted for the provisions of such service.

Basic Life Support	\$350.00
Advanced Life Support I	\$450.00
Advanced Life Support II	\$550.00
Advanced Life Support Paramedic Assist	\$250.00

F. "Paramedic Assist" is to be utilized when transport of the patient is by another agency with Plainfield Fire Department personnel assisting with patient care in the other agency's vehicle.

G. In addition to the rates for the level of care provided, the following fee shall be added as an additional charge.

Transport Mileage	\$8.25
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When the transporting ambulance transports more than 1 patient in the same ambulance, the total mileage should be distributed equally among the patients being transported.

SECTION 9. BILLING AND PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The procedures for billing and collection for services shall be prescribed by the Town of Plainfield Town Council and administered by the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the patient receiving emergency medical ambulance services or the patient's legal representative to satisfy the charges for the services rendered.
- C. All billing shall be sent to the patient, the patient's legal representative or named responsible party for the services rendered, except where Federal and/or State law dictates differently.
- D. The Town of Plainfield is **not** a network provider for any private insurance companies and therefore does not accept assignment for payment. In cases where employers and or insurance carriers make only partial payments for services rendered, it shall be the responsibility of the patient to satisfy the remaining unpaid balance.

- E. The Town of Plainfield, Indiana is classified as a Medicare and Medicaid provider. As such, the Town of Plainfield will file claims on behalf of any patient eligible for Medicare and/or Medicaid. The Town of Plainfield cannot bill the patient for a balance greater than the co-payment, patient responsibility and/or spend-down established by Medicare and/or Medicaid. In the event that secondary and/or supplemental insurance is available, The Town of Plainfield will request that the patient file a claim with any secondary and/or supplemental insurance for satisfaction of the remaining balance. Any co-payment, patient responsibility and/or spend-down balance not paid by the secondary and/or supplemental insurance will be the responsibility of the patient as permitted by Medicare and/or Medicaid.
- F. The Town of Plainfield, Indiana has not entered into any agreements with the entities to which the Town provides paramedic assistance. Therefore, all "Paramedic Assists" for patients who are eligible for Medicare will be filed with Medicare for consideration of payment. Any denied claims from Medicare shall be the responsibility of the patient as permitted by Medicare.

SECTION 10. SAVING CLAUSE

- A. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be judged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudicated invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2006 and after its adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana and upon publication as provided by law.

SECTION 12. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 6-97

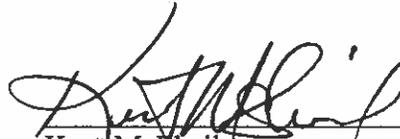
- A. This ordinance specifically repeals Ordinance 6-1997 and any other ordinance or provision of an ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Said Ordinance is hereby passed and adopted this 12 day of December, 2005 2005.

**TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,
HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**



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Constituting a majority of the members of the Town
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ATTESTED BY:



Wesley R. Bennett, Clerk-Treasurer of
The Town of Plainfield, Indiana

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