



**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CRYSTAL LAKE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE
FEE FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City provides emergency ambulance services to the City of Crystal Lake and the Crystal Lake Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Section 33-13(C)(4) of the City Code establishes a fee schedule for emergency ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the current fee structure has been analyzed and it has been identified that the cost of emergency ambulance services is significantly greater than the amounts currently reflected in the fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the most recent increase to the fees for emergency ambulance services took effect on May 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City has also identified that the cost of providing emergency ambulance services can be more effectively managed and offset through a standardized, uniform rate, which is updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found and determined that it is necessary and appropriate and in the best interests of the City and its residents that the fee for emergency ambulance services be increased;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE THAT:**

SECTION ONE. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO. Amendment to City Code Chapter 33-13, Fire Rescue Department. Section 33-13 (C)(4) through Section 33-13 (C)(5) of the City Code is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following:

§ 33-13. Fire Rescue Department.

C. Emergency Ambulance Service

(4) There is hereby established a charge for the services of the Crystal Lake Emergency Ambulance Services as set forth in this Section. The City Manager is authorized to amend the fee for Ambulance Transport Services accordingly when the applicable Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) rate is updated by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). The fees would be assessed based upon the table below:

Emergency Ambulance Service Provided	Rate
Ambulance Transport Services	Rate shall be based upon the most recent Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) rate as determined by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) based upon level of service available
Non-Transport Residents	\$300.00
Non-Transport Non-Residents	\$775.00
Mileage (per loaded mile)	\$12.50

(5) Billing

a) Residents. To the extent that a resident of the City of Crystal Lake is covered for the fees established in Section 33-13(C)(4) by applicable private health insurance, or federal health care programs, including, but not limited to, Medicare and Medicaid, or any other third-party payors; any and all payments made by the aforesaid third parties on behalf of the residents will be accepted by the City and the resident will have no obligation to make any additional payments, provided that: 1) amounts due from such third party payors have been paid directly to the City; or 2) if such third party payments have been made directly to the resident, the amounts received have

been remitted by the resident to the City. Medicare payment assignment rules will be honored and followed.

- b) Nonresidents. Nonresidents of the City of Crystal Lake shall be liable and responsible for full payment of the fees established in Section 33-13(C)(4) subject only to such restrictions as may be applicable to balance billing under federal or state law in effect at the time of billing. Medicare payment assignment rules will be honored and followed.

- (6) The Fire Chief of the City of Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department, or his designee, is hereby authorized to waive any or all fees due from a person business, or other entity under Section 33-13(C)(4) pursuant to either administration regulation or on a case-by-case basis. Individual consideration may be given where a person presents in good faith, a financial hardship or inability to pay.

SECTION THREE. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the first day of May, 2024.

DATED at Crystal Lake, Illinois, this 16th day of April, 2024.

CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, an
Illinois municipal corporation,

By:  _____
Haig Haleblian, MAYOR

SEAL

ATTEST

Nick Kachiroubas by Nick Hammond, Deputy City Clerk
Nick Kachiroubas, CITY CLERK

PASSED: April 16, 2024
APPROVED: April 16, 2024