

ORDINANCE No. RO-03-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 44 “AMBULANCES” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Township adopted Ordinance RO-9-22 which amended the Code in response to concerns, demands and scheduling of volunteers for the Long Valley First Aid Squad, as well as prioritizing emergency response timed for the residents of Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, Attorney and Mayor have evaluated the concerns raised regarding the ordinance and determined that certain modifications to the Code should be made in order to alleviate the concerns raised, while still providing the information deemed necessary for the volunteer first aid squad to effectively assess their operations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee seeks to support the countless hours and dedication of the Long Valley First Aid Squad and the first responders and to be certain that they have all the necessary information in order to make informed decisions and operate at an optimal level, while respecting the time and dedication that the volunteers provide to the residents of Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide such information and support to the Long Valley First Aid Squad, the Township Committee believes it is essential to provide the Long Valley First Aid Squad and the Washington Township Police Department with information as it pertains to healthcare facilities throughout the municipality so that the Long Valley First Aid Squad will have the information necessary to provide effective services to throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has been advised by the Long Valley First Aid Squad that it would be beneficial to have information related to nonemergency transportation contracts and the arrangements with various healthcare facilities throughout the Township, and accordingly the Township Committee believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township to amend the Township Code to administratively provide nonemergency, medical transportation information to the Long Valley First Aid Squad and the Township Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Chapter 44 “Ambulances” of the Township Code shall be amended to read as follows:

§44 Ambulances.

§44-1 Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide information from all state-licensed nursing homes, health-care facilities, rest homes, health maintenance organizations and other licensed medical care providers (“healthcare facilities”) operating within the Township of Washington to the Administration with respect to the availability of transportation providers for nonemergency services for their residents, guest, and/or patients. The information to be provided to the Township Administrator for every transportation provider which has entered into an agreement with any healthcare facility for the provision of nonemergency transportation services shall include the name, address, telephone number, contact person, hours, dates and times of availability.

§44-2 Availability of ambulance or equivalent-type carrier service; certification.

All state-licensed nursing homes, health-care facilities, rest homes, health maintenance organizations and other licensed medical care providers within the Township are hereby required to provide to the Township Administrator the name, address, telephone number, name of the contact person, hours, dates and times of availability for every transportation service provider with which a contact or agreement has been reached for the provision of nonemergency transportation services.

All impacted healthcare facilities and providers shall provide this information to the Township semi-annually, on January 1 and July first of each calendar year. More frequent updates should be provided to the Township if any of the information changes.

§44-3 Noncompliance.

If the Township determines that a state-licensed nursing homes, health-care facilities, rest homes,

health maintenance organizations and other licensed medical care provider is not in compliance with this administrative requirement, the Township Administrator may provide notice of same to the appropriate or applicable state agencies.

Sections 44-4 through 44-6 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. RENUMBERING. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder off this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION FOUR. REPEALER. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of Washington Township held on March 20, 2023, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Washington Township Committee to be held on April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley’s Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Dated: March 20, 2023

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ATTEST:

Denean Probasco, Township Clerk

Matthew T. Murello, Mayor

Attest: I herein certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Washington Township Committee at a regular meeting held by the Township Committee on _____, 2023.

Denean Probasco, Township Clerk