

## **ORDINANCE 702-050724**

### **An Ordinance for the Enhancement of Emergency Medical Services in the Village of Waterford Through the Establishment of an Emergency Medical Services Department.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board seeks continue the commitment to the Residents of the Village of Waterford by both maintaining and enhancing the level of Emergency Medical Care offered to its residents. Given the rural location of Waterford, it's lack of a hospital, and considering the transport distance to Children's Hospital, Cath Labs, Stoke Centers, Trauma Centers and Definitive Care, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Waterford has a call volume of approximately 1000 calls for service per year, with approximately 80% of those calls being for EMS related emergencies, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has established for several years a license for Paramedic Level Ambulance service provision with its authority under Wis Stat 62.133, and;

**WHEREAS**, to affect an expanded level of Emergency Medical Services in the Village of Waterford, a reorganization of the Fire Department organized under Chapter 28 of the Village of Waterford Code of Ordinances is necessary, and;

**WHEREAS**, under Wis. Stat. 62.13(5m)(b) reorganization of offices is necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services were previously provided under Chapter 28 of the Village's Code of Ordinances, those duties and responsibilities are now separated and assigned to a new Emergency Services Department under Chapter 29 of the Village Code of Ordinances

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that Chapter 29 of the Village of Waterford's Code of Ordinances is established and created as follows:

### **Chapter 29 Emergency Medical Services Department**

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#### **§ 29-1 EMS Department authorized.**

The Village of Waterford, pursuant to its powers to act for the good order and the health, safety and welfare of the public under Wis. Stats. §§ 61.34, 61.64, 61.65, 62.133, 256 & DHS 110, and hereby authorizes and organizes the Emergency Medical Services Department of the Village of Waterford; and the duties of providing Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Operations, and maintenance of Emergency Medical Services equipment. Its organization and regulation shall be governed by the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes, Ch. 62.133, Ch. 256, Wis. Admin. Code, DHS 110, and the EMS Operations Plan adopted by the Village Board as the Service Provider. As an Ambulance Service organized under 62.133, the EMS Department is not under the purview of the Village of Waterford Fire Commission.

#### **§ 28-2 Emergency Medical Services**

The Village of Waterford, pursuant to its power to act for the health and welfare of the public, and in order to protect the public shall operate a Paramedic Level Emergency Medical Service in accordance with an Operations Plan approved by DHS; any plan or amendments thereto shall be approved by the Village Board.

**§ 28-3 Department finances.**

- A. Appropriations. The Village Board shall annually appropriate funds to provide for Department operations and for such apparatus and equipment for the use of the EMS Department as it may deem expedient and necessary to maintain efficiency, and to properly protect life from medical emergency via it's annual budget.
- B. Gifts and other contributions. The EMS Department shall submit gifts, donations, contributions or gratuities received by such Department or any branch thereof from any source to the Village Treasurer to be used for the benefit of the Department as designated by the Village Board.
- C. Compensation. The officers and members of the EMS Department shall receive such compensation from the Village as may be authorized by the Village Board through it's annual budget.
- D. Cost recovery.
  - (1) Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 61.34, the Village may charge reasonable fees for EMS Department responses;
  - (2) Fees charged pursuant to this section shall be in an amount approved by the Village Board and set forth in the Fee Schedule and approved annually as a part of the Village's Budget.

**§ 28-4 Organization.**

- A. Composition. The EMS Department may consist of a combination of full time Village Employees, part time Village Employees, paid per call Village Employees, stipend-based volunteers, unpaid volunteers and such Department shall be supervised by a Director of EMS. Positions are authorized by the Village Board through its Annual Budget and Board approved Standard Operating Guidelines. The Director of EMS shall report to the Village Administrator as a Department Head. The Village Board is the final authority on all matters of public policy.
- B. The Village Board will review call volume data and determine allocation of resources, staffing levels, equipment and other provisioning of the Department.
- C. Operating Standards. The Department shall operate in accordance with it's Wisconsin DHS approved Operations Plan. The Village Board shall have review and approval authority of the Operations Plan. The Department shall operate as a Paramedic Level Department. The Department may provide Interfacility Transports as a part of it's Operations Plan, and shall comply with DHS 110.38. The Village Administrator and Emergency Medical Services Director shall encourage employees to pursue endorsements under DHS 110.07(6) Critical Care Paramedic, (6g) CEMS Practitioner, and (6r) Community Paramedic. The Department shall strive to recruit and train unlicensed members of the public to expand the overall number of care providers available in the community, and shall continue the enhancement of rural emergency medical services to the highest level of care for the residents of the Village of Waterford. The Department shall work to pursue the ability to provide Critical Care under DHS 110.39.
- D. Employees of the Village Emergency Medical Services Department may serve as members of the Village of Waterford Volunteer Fire Department, and shall coordinate with the Fire Chief for Emergency Medical Services, giving priority to preservation of life appropriately during Fire related emergencies. EMS Department Employees serving as member of the Village of Waterford's Volunteer Fire Department shall be deemed FLSA 7k exempt under the FLSA. EMS Department Employees not serving on the Volunteer Department shall not be deemed FLSA 7k exempt. The EMS Director shall give preference to hiring employees for the EMS Department that are also able to serve on the Volunteer Fire Department.

E. The Department shall occupy the Originally Constructed, West Side of Fire Station 2. The Fire Chief and Fire Department may use portions of the West Side of Fire Station 2 with consent of the Emergency Medical Services Department Director and Village Administrator.

Passed and adopted: 7th of May, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

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Don Houston, President

ATTEST:

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Rachel Ladewig, Clerk