

BILL NO. 87

ORDINANCE NO. 86

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AND TREATMENT CHARGES AND FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SAME.

WHEREAS, Normandy Fire Protection District of St. Louis County was regularly incorporated by a Decree of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County pursuant to the applicable provisions of Chapter 321 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Normandy Fire Protection District desires to confirm and clarify the circumstances under which it will attempt to collect ambulance service charges from government aid agencies, insurers, non-residents, residents and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORMANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

1. Henceforth, all persons transported by ambulance operated by Normandy Fire Protection District shall be responsible for payment in accordance with schedule of charges attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

2. All persons accepting transportation by ambulance operated by Normandy Fire Protection District thereby enters a contract for the provision of transportation and emergency medical services and agrees thereby to pay the charges described in Exhibit A.


3. The Board of Directors hereby delegates the Chief of the Fire District the administrative duty and obligation to affect collection of the sums due by users of the Normandy Fire Protection District's ambulance service, and same is to be carried out consistent with the billing contract between Normandy Fire Protection District and Gateway Ambulance Service, approved by the Board by resolution dated May 6, 1998, unless or until the Board by resolution approves other arrangements for the collection of same.

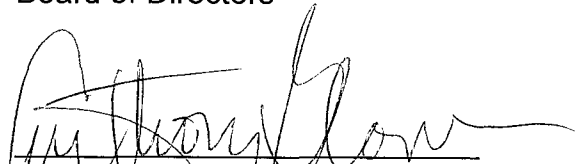
4. Consistent with the laws and regulations governing Medicare/Medicaid claims, the Chief shall cause claim to be made for any patient for which government aid for medical services may be owed, and shall limit collection activities strictly to the government approved fees for services rendered. No collection activities, beyond initial billing and claim to applicable government agency, and resort to third party payor liability if applicable, shall be undertaken as to any charges incurred by any person covered by Medicare or Medicaid, whether or not a resident of Fire District.

5. With respect to persons transported by the District's ambulance who are not eligible for government aid for medical services, the Chief shall pursue insurance or other private third-party payor liability to the full extent possible. Thereafter, and in respect to uninsured persons, the Chief shall have the discretion to pursue further collection efforts, or to cease further collection efforts, for reasons of inability to pay, excessive cost of collection, or other reason or cause deemed by the Chief to be good cause. With respect to collection activities, residents of this District shall be treated in all respects equally to persons described in paragraph 4 of this Ordinance.


PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORMANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
THIS 17 DAY OF June, 1998.

First Reading: May 20, 1998
Second Reading: June 3, 1998
Third and Final Reading: June 17, 1998


President and Chairman of the
Board of Directors


Member of the Board of Directors


Member of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary