

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 065-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6285-91 PERTAINING TO SECTION 137.11 ENTITLED “EMERGENCY SQUAD SERVICE RATES” REGARDING THE FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends the changes stated below in order to give Council the authority to allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with an entity who will collect insurance proceeds allowed in section 137.11(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 137.11 entitled “EMERGENCY SQUAD SERVICE RATES” which previously read as follows:

(a) The City will provide ambulance emergency squad services in exchange for an assignment of insurance company proceeds available to the user, whether a resident or nonresident, and will accept as full payment the usual and customary rates as allowed by the particular insurance companies for the services provided. Medicare laws require the City to charge any unpaid amount (up to the usual and customary rates assigned by insurance companies) to residents and nonresidents.

(b) The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with University Hospitals Health System, Bedford Medical Center who will provide systems for the purpose of collecting insurance proceeds indicated in subsection (a) hereof.

(c)(1) The Finance Director will establish a special revenue type fund called “Fire Equipment” into which all sums collected above will be deposited less current year estimated general fund ambulance receipts. Disbursements from this fund will be used only for the following:

- A. Capital and education expenditures associated with Fire Department requests.
- B. Finance Department costs associated in billing services.

(2) The capital expenditures provided for in this section will be allowed after the Finance Department operating costs and current year estimated general fund ambulance receipts are deducted.

(3) Capital expenditures are defined for this section as having a value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more with an estimated useful life greater than one year. Capital expenditures are expected to include replacement of fire vehicles, emergency medical equipment, building renovations associated to ambulance services and communication systems of ambulance services.

BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ:

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charge any unpaid amount (up to the usual and customary rates assigned by insurance companies) to residents and nonresidents.

(b) The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with an entity, subject to council approval, as necessary, who will collect insurance proceeds, as indicated in subsection (a) hereof.

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Section 2. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that these fees are in effect as soon as possible.

WHEREFORE, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Stanley C. Koci, Mayor – President of Council

Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal content by:

John J. Montello, Law Director

PASSED: November 18, 2024