

ORDINANCE NO. 087-018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SEC. 6-51 THROUGH SEC. 6-58 TO CHAPTER 6; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE; PROHIBITING FALSE STATEMENTS OF EMERGENCY; ESTABLISHING FEES; PROVIDING FOR INTER-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY TRANSFER OF PATIENTS; DEFINING INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSFERS; PROVIDING FOR RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That section 6-51 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-51 Definitions.

"Emergency" means any circumstances that call for immediate action and in which the element of time in transporting the sick, wounded or injured for medical treatment is essential to the health or life of the person. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, accidents generally, traffic accidents, acts of violence resulting in personal injury and sudden illnesses.

"Emergency Ambulance" means any motor vehicle especially designed, constructed, equipped and used for transporting the injured or sick in answer to an emergency call.

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"Emergency Call" means any request for ambulance service that is made by telephone or other means of communication in circumstances which are, or have been represented to be, an emergency and requiring immediate ambulance service.

"Emergency Run" means the emergency ambulance trip to the place where the emergency exists, or from the place of such emergency to a hospital, medical clinic, or medical office or other appropriate destination for the patient.

"Fire Department" means the Fire Department of the Town of Addison.

"Dispatcher" means the dispatcher for either the Fire Department or the Police Department of the Town of Addison.

SECTION 2. That Section 6-52 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-52. Emergency Ambulance Service. Emergency ambulance service within the corporate city limits of the Town of Addison shall be provided by, supervised by and under the authority of the Fire Department.

SECTION 3. That Section 6-53 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-53. False Statements of Emergency. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully inform the Dispatcher or other fire or police official that an emergency ambulance or more than one emergency ambulance is needed at a location or address when such person knows that such emergency call or emergency run is false.

SECTION 4. That Section 6-54 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-54. Establishing Fees. A fee of \$100.00 shall be charged per trip, per person for the transportation by ambulance of a person or persons to a hospital, doctor's office or any other place providing emergency medical aid, in response to an emergency call received by the Dispatcher for emergency ambulance service. Addison residents shall be exempt from these fees.

SECTION 5. That Section 6-55 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-55. Responsibility for Payment of Fees. The person receiving emergency ambulance service and/or any person contracting for the emergency ambulance service shall be responsible for payment of the fee. In the case of service received by a minor, the parent or guardian shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

SECTION 6. That Section 6-56 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-56. Inter-Hospital Emergency Transfer of Patients. A hospital or medical facility requesting inter-hospital or medical facility transfer of a patient must provide a hospital or medical facility staff physician member or registered nurse to accompany their patient during the transfer. The initiating hospital or medical facility will have patient prepared for transfer including notification to the receiving hospital or medical facility so that no delays will occur. A delay of ten (10) minutes or more will terminate the request. The ambulance will leave and another request will have to be initiated.

SECTION 7. That Section 6-57 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-57. Definition of Inter-Hospital Transfers. Emergency inter-hospital and/or medical facility transfers are hereby defined as those cases where a 15 to 20 minute delay in transfer by a private ambulance would be critical or of great risk to the patient.

SECTION 8. That Section 6-58 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Addison, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-58. Right to Refuse Service. The Fire Chief or his designated representative retains the right to refuse ambulance transportation to non-emergency hospital or medical facility patients when conditions are not in compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION 9. That all ordinances of the City in conflict with provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon commission be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 11. That should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decide to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall become effective on May 1,
1987.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON,
TEXAS, this the 14th day of April, 1987.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

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