

ORDINANCE NO. 2545
ROSS TOWNSHIP
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2486, AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEE.

WHEREAS, Ross Township (the "Township") is a First Class Township in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. section 56544, the Township Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Ross Township (the "Code") at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, cleanliness, beauty, convenience, comfort and general welfare of Ross Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the provision of adequate ambulance services and emergency medical services are necessary for the general health, safety, and welfare of this municipality and its residents, and said services are provided by the Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Commissioners enacted an Ordinance on February 21, 2023 authorizing and creating the imposition and collection of a special emergency ambulance service fee; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 4 of said Ordinance allows for amendment or modification of the Ordinance and the Board of Commissioners of the Township deems it necessary to amend the Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township deems it necessary to amend the Code to regulate the provision of adequate ambulance services and emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY AND WITH THE SAME THAT:

SECTION 1:

Ordinance No. 2486, enacted on February 21, 2023, is hereby repealed in part and amended, with repealed provisions bracketed in **bold and underlined**, and amended

provisions in **bold** font only as well as the repealed and amended Fee Schedule set forth follows

1. Premises are defined as the property or area, including the improvements thereon, to which service is or will be furnished, **and shall include all premises whether inhabitable or habitable regardless of occupancy to be confirmed by Code Enforcement Officials**, and as used herein, shall be taken to designate (1) a building under one roof, owned or leased by one customer, and **occupied** designated as one residence or one place of business; or (2) a group or combination of buildings owned by one customer, in one common enclosure, **occupied by** designated for one family, or one organization, corporation or firm, as a residence or place of business or for manufacturing or industrial purposes, or as a hotel, hospital, church, parochial school, or similar institution, except as otherwise noted herein; or (3) the one side of a double house having a solid vertical partition wall; or (4) each side or each part of a house or building **occupied by** designated for one family even though the closet and/or other fixtures be used in common; or (5) each apartment, office of suite of offices, and/or place of business located in a building or group of buildings, even though such buildings in a group are interconnected by a tunnel or passageway, covered areaway or patio, or by some similar means or structure; or (6) a public building devoted entirely to public use, such as a town hall, school house, or fire engine house; or (7) a single lot or park or playground; or (8) each house in a row of houses; or (9) each dwelling unit in a house or building, a dwelling unit being defined as a building or portion thereof, regardless of exclusive or common culinary facilities, designed for **occupancy and** use by one person or one family (household); or (10) each individual and separate place of business located in one building or group of buildings commonly designated as shopping centers, supermarket areas, and by such other terms; or (11) each dwelling unit in a public housing development.

2. Special Emergency Ambulance Services Fee is defined as a specified uniform fee charged to each premises to which ambulance service and/or emergency medical services is made available, and entitles occupants of said premises to necessary 911 emergency transport, including the provision of basic life support and advanced life support. It does not include the cost of routine non-emergency medical transport, or secondary emergency transport. Any premises paying said fee will not be billed for the provision of service to said premises or any occupants therein, but the ambulance service may bill any applicable third party provider for said service. Any premises, or occupants therein, that are not current on said fee shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with the provision of said services as set forth herein, including the amount of any invoices not paid by an applicable third party providers.

3. Any premises, or occupants therein, that are not current on said fee shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with the provision of said services as set forth

herein, including the amount of any invoices not paid by an applicable third party providers.

4. Each Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee imposed under this Ordinance shall be for ambulance service and emergency medical services provided during the fiscal year of the ambulance provider of January 1st to December 31st. The Special Emergency Ambulance Services Fee is initially established by this Ordinance as follows:

[FEE SCHEDULE REPEALED]

Residence Business	Occupancy	Cost	Discount Price	Discount Rate	Pay by date
Residential Premises	N/A	\$55.00	\$49.50	June 1	August 31st
Small BUSINESS	1-25	\$55.00	\$49.50	June 1	August 31st
Medium Small Business		\$100.00	\$90.00	June 1	August 31st
Medium Large Business		\$200.00	\$180.00	June 1	August 31st
Large Business	Over 300	\$500.00	\$450.00	June 1	August 31st

AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE

Residence/Business	Square Footage	Cost	Discount Price	Discount Date	Face Due Date
Residential Premises	N/A	\$55.00	\$49.50	45 Days after Stmt Date	90 Days after Stmt Date
Home Office	N/A	\$55.00	\$49.50	45 Days after Stmt Date	90 Days after Stmt Date
Small Business	Less than 4000 SQ FT	\$150.00	\$125.00	45 Days after Stmt Date	90 Days after Stmt Date
Large Business	More than 4000 SQ FT	\$300.00	\$250.00	45 Days after Stmt Date	90 Days after Stmt Date

Said fee shall be paid at the discount rate [prior to June 1st, and at the regular rate from June 1st through August 31st] within 45 days after the Statement Date. Late fees [and fines] will begin to accrue [after August 31st] 90 days after the Statement Date.

Any modification of this fee shall be subject to prior approval of all communities who have adopted this Ordinance and are receiving services from the Authority.

5. Each Premises is defined herein, [for which there is an occupancy permit granted, and is in use] to include all premises whether inhabitable or habitable regardless of occupancy, to be confirmed by Code Enforcement Officials. Each premises shall pay said Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee. Said fee shall be paid in full no later than **90 days after the statement date** for the year in which billed.
6. The Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee shall be collected directly by the Ross/West View Emergency Medical Service Authority, or its agents, successors, or assigns. The actual title owner of [an occupied] a premises on which the fee is due, shall be responsible to pay said fee [within 30 days of the date due and owing]. Otherwise, the title owner of the premises, as well as the

actual occupant, shall be liable for legal interest, as well as subject to a lien on real property for municipal services, **with said lien process to be initiated based upon a dollar amount threshold to be set by the Authority, subject from time to time to amendment and/or enforcement of this Ordinance before the Magisterial District Judge.** It shall be the responsibility of a landlord to distribute the fee to all of its tenants.

The failure to pay said fee [on or before 90 days after the statement date constitutes an offense punishable by a civil penalty up to \$50.00 for each day of violation, plus] within 90 days of the Statement Date shall render said fee subject to a 20 percent penalty plus 10 percent interest. Further, the failure to pay said fee shall subject the premises to the property lien process, to be initiated after 90 days from the Statement Date have lapsed, and any lien shall also include all costs, [including] and attorney's fees necessary to enforce the Ordinance. This shall be enforced directly by the Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Authority, or its agents, successors, or assigns. Any [civil] penalties, interest, costs, or attorney's fees collected as a result thereof, shall be paid to the Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Authority.

SECTION 3:

The appropriate Officers of Ross Township are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4:

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, each such inconsistency or conflict is hereby specifically repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS
TOWNSHIP THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

ATTEST:



Ronald L. Borczyk
Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF ROSS

By: 

Daniel DeMarco, President
Board of Commissioners