

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
AMBULANCE SERVICES ORDINANCE
Ord. No. 231; Adopted August 11th, 2020

An Ordinance to provide for and regulate ambulance and advanced life support and transport operations of the Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FRENCHTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Frenchtown Charter Township Ambulance Services Ordinance.”

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate ambulance operations within Frenchtown Charter Township, including advanced life support and other related services such as extrication, to establish the Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department as the primary responder to emergency medical calls.

Section 3. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

A. Advanced Life Support. Patient care that may include any care a paramedic is qualified to provide by paramedic education that meets the educational requirements established by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services – Bureau of Health Systems or care that a paramedic is authorized to provide pursuant to the protocols established by the local medical control authority.

B. Ambulance Operation. A person or entity licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services to provide emergency medical services and patient transport, for profit or otherwise.

C. Basic Life Support. Patient care that may include any care an emergency medical technician is qualified to provide by emergency medical technician education that meets the educational requirements established by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services – Bureau of Health Systems, or care that an emergency medical technician is authorized to provide by the protocols established by the local medical control.

D. Emergency. A condition or situation in which an individual declares a need for immediate medical attention for any individual, or where that need is declared by emergency medical services personnel or a public safety official.

E. Emergency Medical Technician. An individual licensed to provide basic life support.

F. Paramedic. An individual licensed to provide advanced life support.

G. Primary Responder. Principal responding ALS unit and provider of initial patient care in all emergencies including specifically but not limited to medical emergencies.

Section 4. Emergency Medical Responses.

The Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department will be the primary responder to all medical emergencies within Frenchtown Charter Township and will provide advanced life support, basic life support and other related services. Other ambulance operations must notify the Township Fire Chief of their intent to operate within Frenchtown Charter Township. Other ambulance operations shall recognize the Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department as the primary responder to all emergency medical responses. The Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department hereby acknowledges the ambulance operations operating within Frenchtown Charter Township pursuant to the County of Monroe 911/ALS Services Agreement as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Cost Recovery.

The Frenchtown Charter Township Board has established a fee schedule for ambulance operations and related services. This schedule may be updated from time to time as recommended by the Fire Chief and approved by the Township Board. This schedule is contained within the Cost Recovery Fee Schedule adopted by the Township Board.

Section 6. Billing Services.

The Fire Chief will coordinate with the contracted billing/collection agency for submission of bills and the subsequent payment of claims pursuant to Township Ordinance No. 205, as amended or its successor ordinance.

Section 7. Severability.

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance, other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 8. Inconsistent Ordinances.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the Charter Township of Frenchtown, County of Monroe.

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