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ORDINANCE NO. 7980-93

AN ORDINANCE

REGULATING AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of residents and others in the City of Urbana to license and regulate the operation of ambulances and ambulance services within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of residents and others in the City to provide standards for the regulation of ambulances, ambulance drivers, attendants, attendant-drivers, and condition of equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of residents and others in the City to provide for renewal and revocation of licenses concerning the operation of ambulances and ambulance services and to provide for disclosure relative to emergency ambulance operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is a home rule unit under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1-2-4 and 1-3-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and Section 1002 of Chapter 85, Illinois Revised Statutes, provide, that where rules and regulations or any part thereof have been printed in book or pamphlet form, such rules and regulations or portions thereof may be adopted by reference; and

WHEREAS, three (3) copies of the pamphlet containing the Illinois Department of Public Health Mobile Intensive Care Program Rules and Regulations have been on file in the office of the City Clerk, for use and examination by the public at least thirty (30) days prior to their adoption as provided by said Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana intends to adopt and to incorporate by reference the Illinois Department of Public Health Mobile Intensive Care Program Rules and Regulations, as now or hereafter amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words shall have the meanings set out below, unless otherwise specified:

- (a) "Ambulance" means any motor vehicle that is designed and constructed, equipped, and intended to be used for, and maintained or operated for, and used for, the transportation of patients in emergency situations.
- (b) "Ambulance attendant" or "attendant" means a trained and qualified individual responsible for the interim care of the patient at the scene of the emergency and during transit in the ambulance.
- (c) "Ambulance service" means the commercial activity, maintenance, operation, or use on the streets, alleys, or any public way within the City of an ambulance which responds to emergency calls for the transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless at the time of the dispatch of the ambulance, but does not include the use of a vehicle especially equipped and used for the care and treatment of premature and high-risk infants exclusively for the transportation of a newborn infant from the place of birth to a hospital facility.
- (d) "Areawide Hospital Emergency Services Committee" means the Committee mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health's Areawide Hospital Emergency Services Program; composed of a nurse, a doctor, and an administrator from each of the hospitals in Champaign and Ford Counties, representatives (Fire Chiefs) from the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, ambulance service providers, and other interested organizations; and charged with the responsibility for maintaining a satisfactory system of emergency medical services in the community.
- (e) "Certificate of safety, second division vehicle, official testing station, and safety devices and appliance" shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to said terms by the applicable provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as now or hereafter amended.
- (f) "Champaign-Urbana Mobile Intensive Care Program" means the sub-committee of the Advanced Life Support/Mobile Intensive Care System, as established by provisions of the Illinois Department of Public Health; and composed of representatives from the sponsoring hospital, Mercy Hospital, associated members Burnham Hospital, Carle Hospital, and McKinley Hospital, Cole Hospital, the local ambulance service providers, and the Cities of Champaign and Urbana.
- (g) "Hospital" means any institution, place, building, or agency, public or private, whether organized for profit or not, devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for the diagnosis and treatment or care of two or more unrelated persons admitted for overnight stay or longer in order to obtain medical care of illness, disease, injury, infirmity, or deformity and is licensed as a hospital by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- (h) "Invalid coach" means a motor vehicle used exclusively for the transportation of non-ambulatory patients to or from a hospital, nursing home, or the patient's home in non-emergency situations or in emergency situations as a backup when sufficient emergency vehicles are not available, but shall not mean or include any taxi cab as defined by the Urbana City Code and licensed as such by the City of Urbana.
- (i) "Invalid coach service" means the commercial operation within the City in the transportation by invalid coach, by prior appointment, of non-ambulatory invalid individuals not requiring emergency medical care in transit, but shall not mean or include any taxi cab service as defined by the Urbana City Code and licensed as such by the City of Urbana.
- (j) "Illinois Specifications for Ambulances" means the Illinois Specifications for Ambulances, ILL-A-1822, as now or hereafter amended, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

- (k) "Mobile Intensive Care Unit" means an ambulance so staffed and equipped as to meet requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health Mobile Intensive Care Unit Program Rules and Regulations, as now or hereafter amended, such Rules and Regulations as may be established by the Champaign-Urbana Mobile Intensive Care Program and the Areawide Hospital Emergency Services Committee.
- (l) "Patient" means an individual who is or has been sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless at the time of the dispatch of the ambulance.

Section 2. License Required.

A. No person, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, be engaged in, or hold him or herself out to be engaged in the operation of an ambulance service or invalid coach service in the City unless that person holds a valid current license issued pursuant to this Ordinance for that particular service. An ambulance service or invalid coach service shall not operate an ambulance, invalid coach service, or mobile intensive care unit without a valid current license issued and displayed on each ambulance, invalid coach or mobile intensive care unit. However, in the case of a major catastrophe, vehicles operated by persons not licensed by the City may be used to render ambulance service where the number of licensed ambulances are insufficient to render the required services. An invalid coach service may also render services in case of major catastrophies or extreme emergencies as a backup service when there are insufficient numbers of licensed ambulances. When an invalid coach is used in an emergency situation, it shall have a driver and an attendant as required for ambulances by this Ordinance.

B. Provided, that in the case of an ambulance service or invalid coach service which is regularly doing business outside the City limits of the City of Urbana and only sending ambulances, invalid coaches, and mobile intensive care units through or into the City to transport patients to or from outside the City limits to or from hospitals or other medical care facilities located in the City, no service license or ambulance licenses shall be required.

C. Except as may be exempted above, no vehicle responding to calls within the City shall bear ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit identification insignia and flashing lights or warning signal devices unless it is operated by an ambulance service or invalid coach service licensed pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 3. License Application.

A. Every applicant for a license to operate an ambulance service or an invalid coach service shall file an application with the Comptroller on forms available in the Office of the Comptroller. The applications shall include the following:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) The trade or other assumed name, if any, under which the applicant does business or proposes to do business;

(3) The business location and address of the place or places from which the ambulance or invalid coach service operates or is intended to be operated including storage, dispatch, and maintenance facilities;

(4) A description of each ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit which the applicant operates or intends to operate within the license year, including the make, model, year of manufacture, serial number, the length of time the ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit has been in use, the license numbers, the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate applicant's ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit, and any unusual modifications of original chassis to meet basic requirements for an ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit;

(5) Such other information as may be reasonably required for the administration of the provisions of this Ordinance.

B. All applications shall be accompanied by a photocopy of the current valid motor vehicle registration for each ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit listed in the application.

C. The service license for the ambulance service or invalid coach service, and the ambulance licenses for the ambulances, invalid coaches, and mobile intensive care units shall be issued by the Comptroller following a favorable inspection report of the ambulances, invalid coaches, and mobile intensive care units, and a determination that all other requirements of this Article have been or are being met. No ambulance service or invalid coach service shall do business, and no ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit shall be operated without a valid current license issued pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

D. An ambulance license for an ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit which is retired or replaced during the license year shall not be transferred to a new or replacement vehicle.

E. An ambulance service or invalid coach service may receive a service license whether or not all its ambulances, invalid coaches, or mobile intensive care units qualify for licenses provided the ambulance service or invalid coach service meets the minimum requirements set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 4. License Fee.

All applications for licenses or renewals thereof shall be accompanied by payment of the applicable annual license fee as fixed and established from time to time by the City Council in Section 18.22, entitled "Schedule of Fees", of Chapter 18, entitled "Licenses", of the Urbana City Code, as amended. All licenses shall commence on the first day of July of each year and terminate on the last day of June of the following year, and the fee for such license shall be paid yearly or for any fraction thereof.

Section 5. Inspections.

A. Upon receipt of an application for an original or renewal license for an ambulance or invalid coach service, the Comptroller shall immediately refer the application to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief, or such members of the Department designated by the Fire Chief, shall inspect the ambulances, invalid coaches, or mobile intensive care units listed in the application, and shall report in writing to the Comptroller within ten (10) days of referral as to whether the ambulances, invalid coaches, or mobile intensive care units comply with Sections 6 and 8 of this Ordinance. No license for an ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit may be issued without a favorable inspection report.

B. Whenever an ambulance service or invalid coach service acquires a new ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit, the service shall inform the Comptroller and provide supporting documents as required in Section 3. No such ambulance, invalid coach, or mobile intensive care unit shall be used by a service without an inspection and a favorable report made to the Comptroller and a license being issued pursuant to this Section.

Section 6. Design and Equipment Standards.

A. Ambulances shall, at all times, meet the following standards:

(1) Be equipped with a functioning two-way communication system capable of maintaining communication between the vehicle and its control center and between the vehicle and each hospital within the city from any location within the City;

(2) Be supplied with equipment and supplies for dressing wounds, splinting fractures, controlling hemorrhage, providing oxygen, combatting poison, and with devices and equipment for light access and extrication, for removing patients to, and transporting them in, the ambulance and invalid coach service, which said equipment and supplies shall at the minimum, be those listed in the Illinois Specifications for Ambulances, and required by the Areawide Hospital Emergency Services Committee.

(3) Be equipped with the safety devices and equipment required for second division vehicles pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as now or hereafter amended;

(4) Be periodically inspected and tested as required for second division vehicles pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as now or hereafter amended, and display a current valid certificate of safety on the body of the vehicle as required for second division vehicles under the Illinois Vehicle Code, as now or hereafter amended;

(5) Be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary manner;

(6) Be designed in accordance with the Illinois Specifications for Ambulances, except that this requirement need not be met during a major catastrophe or extreme emergency where the number of licensed ambulances is not sufficient to meet the needs of the community during the catastrophe or emergency.

B. Invalid coaches shall, at all times, meet and comply with items (1), (3), (4), and (5) of the standards herein established for ambulances in subsection A above and shall also be furnished and equipped so as to provide safe and comfortable transportation, and so as to provide such care, supervision, attendance, appliances, and devices as the condition or debility that the patient may then require.

Section 7. Qualifications of Drivers and Attendants of Ambulances and Invalid Coaches.

A. Each licensed ambulance service shall provide on each ambulance in service in the City at least two (2) persons certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and licensed as such by the State of Illinois Department of Public Health.

B. Each licensed invalid coach service shall be staffed with a driver and an attendant at least one of which is certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and licensed as such by the State of Illinois Department of Public Health.

Section 8. Mobile Intensive Care Units and Personnel.

Each licensed ambulance service shall provide at least one mobile intensive care unit within eighteen (18) months of first being licensed under this Ordinance. All mobile intensive care units and personnel shall comply with the Illinois Department of Public Health Mobile Intensive Care Program Rules and Regulations, as now or hereafter amended, and such rules and regulations as may be established by the Champaign-Urbana Mobile Intensive Care Program. The vehicle used as a mobile intensive care unit may be one of the ambulances required by this Ordinance, and does not need to be an additional vehicle.

Section 9. Records.

A. Each licensed ambulance service or invalid coach service shall keep an adequate record of its equipment and the maintenance thereof, a log of calls and responses, and records regarding its personnel, and file monthly reports as required.

B. Each licensed ambulance service or invalid coach service shall promptly report to the Comptroller any change of vehicles, personnel or location, and any substantial change in operating procedures, from that contained in the application for the license currently in effect. Supporting documents or data shall accompany this report.

Section 10. Cooperation.

A. All licensed ambulance services and invalid coach services and personnel shall cooperate with other public safety and emergency services operating within the City, both generally and specifically at the scene of an emergency.

B. No licensed ambulance service or invalid coach service or personnel shall respond to a call for service directed to another service unless specifically requested to do so by either the City or ambulance service originally called.

Section 11. Monitoring Calls.

No licensed ambulance service or invalid coach service shall respond to a call originated by monitoring police departmental or fire departmental radio communications unless a specific request from the concerned department, directed to the particular service, is made.



Section 12. Review and Evaluation of Ambulance and Invalid Coach Service.

The Areawide Emergency Services Committee shall act in a medical advisory capacity to the Mayor and shall have the following duties and functions as related to the review and evaluation of ambulance and invalid coach services licensed pursuant to this Article:

A. Review all monthly activity reports and supporting documents submitted by each ambulance service and invalid coach service, in accordance with Section 9, and require the filing and preparation of information in addition to that required herein.

B. Conduct evaluations of each ambulance service and invalid coach service at least every year, and pursuant to such evaluation, make recommendations to the Mayor.

C. Advise the Mayor on matters representing possible violations of the provisions of this Ordinance that might constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of the service license or ambulance license, in accordance with Section 13.

D. Develop an appeal process, including necessary form and procedures, to hear complaints and disagreements between the ambulance and invalid coach services and the users of such services relating to the time of response, the manner of treatment, and quality of care. This appeal process shall be substantially as follows:

(1) The user submits the complaint to the Mayor or his/her designate.

(2) The Mayor submits the complaint to the Areawide Hospital Emergency Services Committee.

(3) The Committee reviews the complaint and transmits its findings to the Mayor and the City Council.

Section 13. Suspension and Revocation of License.

In addition to any penalty that may be provided in this Ordinance, violation of any of the provisions hereof, or a failure to comply with any of the standards or qualifications provided herein after reasonable notice and an opportunity to so comply, may be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license in accordance with Chapter 18 of the Urbana City Code.

Section 14. Rules and Regulations.

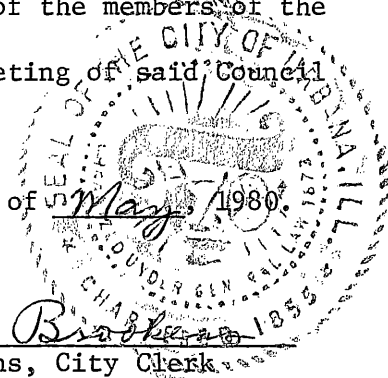
The Mayor is authorized to make such reasonable rules and regulations not contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, as may be deemed necessary or desirable to implement, clarify, refine, or enforce the provisions hereof.

Section 15. Penalty.

Any person, firm, or corporation that violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and each day a violation is allowed to continue may be considered a separate offense.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the terms of Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council on the 5th day of May, 1980.

PASSED by the City Council this 5th day of May, 1980.



Ruth S. Brookens
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 1980.

*Reviewed by Mayor 5-15-80;
not mentioned*

Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk, City of Urbana, Illinois, do herewith certify that I caused the above Ordinance to be duly published in the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette on the _____ day of _____, 1980, and a Certificate of Publication is attached hereto.

Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk