

**Sec. 2.840. Ambulance service on public streets.**

- (a) *Franchise or agreement required.* The City shall have the exclusive right and privilege to operate all ambulances providing ambulance service within the City, and it shall be unlawful for any ambulance company to operate an ambulance on, over, and along the public streets within the corporate limits of the City, without first having entered into a franchise or other agreement with the City to provide such service; provided, however, no such franchise or agreement is required for the following:
- (1) Ambulances being used by an ambulance company that provides services only outside of the City, while rendering temporary assistance during a major catastrophe or emergency;
  - (2) Ambulances dispatched by an ambulance company that provides services only outside of the City, while being used to render temporary assistance at the scene of an accident;
  - (3) An ambulance company that provides services only outside of the City, while transporting persons only from points without the City to points within the City, or transporting persons only through the City; and
  - (4) An ambulance licensed to the Oregon State Hospital for patient transport from Oregon State Hospital facilities to destinations outside of the City.
- (b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, the term "ambulance" means a motor vehicle that is licensed through the Oregon Health Authority, constructed or equipped for, and intended to be used for, emergent and non-emergent transportation of persons because of, or in connection with, an illness, injury, or disability. As used in this section, the term "ambulance company" means a person, corporation, or any other legal entity that provides transportation of persons in an ambulance.
- (c) *Ambulance memberships.* As an alternative to billing transported patients individually, the City Manager may establish a program for the prepayment of ambulance services from persons within the City's individual or joint area of operation. Ambulance membership shall be available to any person or family residing in the service area. Fees for membership shall be prescribed by resolution of the Council. The program may include membership terms and conditions, transferability, covered services, enrollment periods, and related program features.
- (d) *Violation.* Provision of ambulance service in violation of subsection (a) of this section is an infraction, and shall be subject to a fine equal to twice the current Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport rate set by resolution of the Council.
- (e) *Fees.* Rates and fees for any ambulance service operated by the city shall be set by resolution of Council. The City Manager or the City Manager's designate shall pursue collection of fees and charges established under this subsection by all lawful remedies available to the city to recover costs for services rendered plus collection costs, including attorney fees.

(Prior Code, § 2.840; Ord. No. 23-80; Ord. No. 12-99; Ord. No. 19-13)