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Title: Ambulance Service

Last Revised Date: 2/27/2003

Description:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SAFE, DEPENDABLE, AND EFFICIENT AMBULANCE SERVICE, ESTABLISHING THE PAHRUMP VALLEY FIRERESCUE SERVICE AS THE MAIN AMBULANCE PROVIDER, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS the Town of Pahrump passed Resolution 2002-01 directing the Town Board and the Officers of the Pahrump Valley Fire-Rescue Service to create an ordinance pertaining to the health and welfare of the citizens of the valley for a municipal ambulance service and the possible inclusion or exclusion of private ambulance service(s) operating in the unincorporated Town of Pahrump.

WHEREAS the Town of Pahrump of the unincorporated Town of Pahrump hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town to govern the licensing of private or commercial ambulance service providers in the Town so that the public has access to a safe, dependable, and efficient transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the unincorporated Town of Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada, does hereby ordain as follows:

41.1 **Definitions.** As used in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms which are defined in this Section shall have the meanings which are ascribed to them herein, as follows:

(A) Ambulance shall be defined as a motor vehicle specifically constructed, modified, equipped, or arranged and operated for the purpose of transporting patients requiring immediate or ongoing medical services excluding the transportation of such persons to or from locations not providing services as defined in this article.

(B) Ambulance service means the activity, business, or service, for hire, profit or otherwise, of transporting one or more person by ambulance; provided, however, ambulance service shall not include the transportation of an ambulance by an employer of his or her own employees in an ambulance owned and operated by the employer solely for this purpose.

(C) Person means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association or other group or combination acting as a unit.

(D) Patient means a wounded, injured, sick or otherwise incapacitated person.

(E) Town means the Town of Pahrump, Nevada.

41.2 **Exemptions** This article does not apply to:

(A) Ambulances operated at the request of a public safety agency during a state of war, state of emergency, or local emergency.

(B) Ambulance service transporting a patient from a location outside of the Town.

(C) Ambulance service transporting a patient by helicopter or fixed-wing airplane.

41.3 **Creation of Main Ambulance Provider** A municipal ambulance service is established by the Town of Pahrump. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in furnishing ambulance service without having first obtained the explicit permission of the Town Board. Such a determination may only be held after a public hearing before the Town Board Members. In order to grant permission to operate an ambulance service, the Town Board Members must first find that the proposed service is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town.

41.4 **Staffing and Training** The Pahrump Valley Fire-Rescue Service shall be staffed by trained personnel. It shall be the ongoing duty of the Pahrump Valley Fire Rescue Service, under direction of the Fire Chief, to train and qualify personnel to be used in connection with the ambulance service.

41.5 **Care of the Vehicles** The care and maintenance of the Pahrump Valley Fire-Rescue Service vehicles shall be the direct responsibility of the Fire Chief.

41.6 **Fees and Records** It shall be the responsibility of the Fire Chief to charge fees for the ambulance service and to maintain a separate set of books and records on the ambulance service.

41.7 **Charges** Charges for the ambulance service shall be determined by the Town Board, in their sole discretion.

41.8 **Contracts with other Governmental Units** The Town Board shall have the authority to enter into a contract with any other municipality or governmental entity or entities for the purpose of extending the municipal ambulance service to and with other governmental units. Before entering into such a contract, the Town Board must find that the proposed contract is in the best interest of the citizens of the Town.

41.9 **Violation of this Ordinance** The carrying on of any violation in this Ordinance shall constitute a separate violation for each and every day that such violation occurs.

41.10 **Severability** Every section of this Ordinance and every part of each section is independent of every other section and part, and the finding that any section or part is void or ineffective does not affect the validity of any other section or part.

41.11 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption, and second publication in the Pahrump Valley Times, a newspaper printed and published within the County of Nye, State of Nevada.

41.12 Repeal All ordinances or parts of ordinances or the Town that are in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

AMBULANCE ORDINANCE

Proposed on the 23rd day of July, 2002.

Proposed by Board Member Joe Sladek.

Passed on the 10th day of September, 2002.

VOTE: AYES:

__Signatures on file__

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

__Signature on file__

Town Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the 10th day of September, 2002.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2002.

Publication dates: 8/28/02.