

ORDINANCE NO.: 11-2009
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor and Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 955.02(a) TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DIVISION OF FIRE FROM THE AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Codified Ordinance Section 955.02 this Council established an enterprise fund to be known as the "Ambulance Billing Service Fund" (the "Fund") into which all funds collected from providing emergency medical service within the City are deposited and from which disbursements are authorized for only capital expenditures associated with the Division of Fire; and

WHEREAS, due to financial exigencies, this Council determines it is necessary to also permit disbursements from the Fund for operating expenses of the Division of Fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Subsection (a) only of Section 955.02 "Ambulance Billing Service Fund", of Part 9 "Streets and Public Services Code", of the Codified Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) The Finance Director shall establish an enterprise fund, to be called the Ambulance Billing Service Fund, into which all sums collected pursuant to this chapter will be deposited. Disbursements from such Fund shall be used ~~only~~ for operating expenses and capital expenditures associated with the Division of Fire ~~Division requests~~. Notwithstanding the foregoing, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be retained in such Fund for necessary capital expenditures.

Section 2: Existing subsection (a) of Section 955.02, "Ambulance Billing Service Fund", of Part 9 "Streets and Public Services Code", of the Codified Ordinances is hereby repealed.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the City and its residents in that it is necessary to have the use of monies within the Ambulance Billing Service Fund for operating expenses for the Division of Fire in order to continue services to the community; wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage by Council and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

Daniel J. Ursu, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

David H. Roche
President of Council