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DIVISION 1 – ADMINISTRATION

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**35.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.** There is hereby established an ambulance service owned and operated by the City to be known as the Garwin Ambulance Service. Its purpose is to protect and save lives in case of emergency, and to promote through health and safety education the prevention of such emergencies.

**35.02 ORGANIZATION.** The service shall consist of the president and such officers and personnel as may be authorized by the Council.

**35.03 QUALIFICATIONS.** In no case shall any person be recruited, selected or appointed as a member of the department unless such person:

1. Citizen. Is a citizen of the United States upon acceptance as a member of the department.
2. Age. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. Driver's License. Has a current active Iowa driver's license.
4. Alcohol and Drugs. Is not addicted to drugs or alcohol.

**35.04 APPROVED BY COUNCIL.** No person having otherwise qualified shall be appointed to the service until such appointment is submitted to and approved by a majority of the Council members.

**35.05 TRAINING.** All EMS personnel shall attend and actively participate in regular or special training sessions or classes as directed by the president or as required to maintain certification.

**35.06 COMPENSATION.** Members of the service shall be designated by rank and receive such compensation as shall be determined by resolution of the Council.

35.07 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The service shall elect a president and such other officers as the constitution and bylaws of the service may provide. In case of absence of the president, the officer next in rank shall be in charge and have and exercise all powers of the president.

35.08 PRESIDENT: DUTIES. The president shall have the following duties and powers:

1. Command. Maintain the efficiency, discipline and control of the service.
2. Property. Exercise and have full control over the disposition of all vehicles, equipment and other property used by or belonging to the ambulance service.
3. Policy. Formulate EMS policy within the community and service.
4. Records. Cause to be kept records of the ambulance service personnel, the necessary information regarding calls, budget, etc.
5. Reports. Compile and submit to the Mayor and Council, on January 1 of each year, a comprehensive report of the status and operations of the service, including a complete inventory of equipment.

35.09 CONSTITUTION. The service shall adopt a constitution and bylaws as deemed necessary to provide for the good operation and coordination of the service.

35.10 ACCIDENTAL INJURY INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure the City against liability for worker's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing and medical attention for the personnel injured in the performance of their duties whether within or outside the corporate limits of the City. All ambulance personnel shall be covered by contract.

35.11 LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure against liability of the City or members of the service for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the performance of departmental duties within or outside the corporate limits of the City.

35.12 CALLS OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS. The service is authorized to respond to calls outside of the corporate limits of the City, and to transport patients to such locations as may be necessary.

35.13 MUTUAL AID. The service is authorized to respond to mutual aid calls from fire departments, other ambulance services and law enforcement agencies.

35.14 SCHEDULE OF FEES. Maximum fees which may be charged users of the service are as follows:

- Basic Charge - \$546.00
- Mileage - \$14.00 per loaded mile

All charges will follow the governmental guidelines regarding the writing off a portion of an unpaid balance by Medicare & Medicaid.

(Amended by Ordinance No. 195)

35.15 PAYMENT. All ambulance fees and charges are due upon presentation of a statement for said fees and charges and shall be paid to the Clerk. Actions for collection of same shall be brought in the name of the City in the same manner as other actions at law.

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