

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 26-62

RESOLUTION TO CHARGE A FEE FOR NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSFERS.

- WHEREAS:** The Ohio Revised Code authorizes a limited home rule township to exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the township so long as any resolutions passed pursuant to such authority are not in conflict with the general laws of the State of Ohio; and
- WHEREAS:** Ohio Revised Code Section 2917.32(A) prohibits a person from causing a false alarm of fire or other emergency to be transmitted to a public organization responsible for dealing with emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** Ohio Revised Code 505.84 permits a township to charge a reasonable fee for the use of its ambulance services; and
- WHEREAS:** Fairfield Township loses a significant amount of money each year responding to ambulance calls which are not emergencies and do not require the Township's ambulance services; and
- WHEREAS:** Fairfield Township incurs an average cost of \$750.00 for each ambulance that is deployed; and
- WHEREAS:** Fairfield Township seeks to recover this cost by charging for Non-Emergency Ambulance transport as defined below; and
- WHEREAS:** Fairfield Township seeks to charge an additional fee of \$750.00 plus mileage costs for any Non-Emergency Ambulance Transport requested by a person located in any business, nursing home facility, group residential home, or any other like facility, etc.; and
- WHEREAS:** Fairfield Township desires for this fee to be in addition to any other reimbursement or charge associated with the run; and
- WHEREAS:** The Fairfield Township Board of Trustees have determined that this additional fee is necessary to preserve township funds and ensure the continued availability and success of the Emergency Medical Services provided to the Township's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS. As used in this Resolution, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

- "Non-Emergency Ambulance Transport" shall mean patient transport conducted by the Fairfield Township Fire Department for patients who require only supportive oversight or assistance while in transit, yet do not necessitate urgent, invasive, or emergent medical treatment during transport. Although not exhaustive, Non-Emergency Ambulance Transports include transports for the following reasons:
- Observation or evaluation of patient conditions that are not immediately life-threatening;
- Assessment or follow-up on laboratory findings;
- Lab draws or other diagnostic procedures;
- Evaluation of injuries or symptoms that have been present for more than eight (8) hours without any alteration in the patient's level of consciousness or evidence of critical vital sign changes;
- Generalized weakness lasting longer than twenty-four (24) hours with acute distress or emergency medical indicators.

- Non-Emergency Ambulance Transports are further characterized by the absence of critical life-saving interventions, including, but not limited to, intravenous (IV) cannulation, the administration of emergency medications, the provision of oxygen therapy beyond what is routinely prescribed to a patient, or any other advanced life support procedures.

SECTION 2: FEE. Any business, entity, or person that requests that the Fairfield Township Fire Department responds for more than three (3) Non-Emergency Ambulance Transports in the Township in any calendar year shall be charged \$750.00 plus any mileage costs associated with the transport. The fee established by this section shall be in addition to any other reimbursement or charge associated with ambulance transport.

SECTION 3: NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS PERMITTED. Notwithstanding the fee described above, the Township shall not deny transportation to any individual seeking Non-Emergency Ambulance Transport.

SECTION 4: That Sections 1 through 3 of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township for two consecutive weeks as well as the Township's official website.

SECTION 5: The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon It's first reading.

SECTION 6: This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

SECTION 7: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 8: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: July 14, 2026

Board of Trustees

Michael Berding: _____

Shannon Hartkemeyer: _____

Joe McAbee: _____

Vote of Trustees

yes

yes

yes

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 14th day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

Shelly Schultz
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katherine Barbieri
Katherine Barbieri, Township Law Director