

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 07

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the provisions of Emergency Medical Services is a matter of vital concern effecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of Cass County; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the following Ordinance to promote quality of the establishment and maintenance of an effective system of the highest possible Emergency Medical Service; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Commissioners hereby recognize and adopt into this Ordinance the provisions of I.C. 16-31-5-1 et seq. related to Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent that the Emergency Medical Services Board to be established under this Ordinance and shall review and advise the establishment of standards and requirements for the operation of all emergency medical services in Cass County.

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified, the term:

- A. "EMS" means Emergency Medical Service, for profit, non-profit, volunteer, private, government any service certified by the State of Indiana for rendering emergency medical care.
- B. "Ambulance" means any privately-or publicly-owned motor vehicle that is specially designed and equipped for the transportation of patients.
- C. "Emergency Medical Technician" shall mean any individual certified by the Emergency Medical Services Commission eligible as an Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, or Paramedic for engaging in the administration of emergency care procedures to emergency patients and for the handling and transportation of such patients.
- D. "Driver" means an individual who drives an ambulance.
- E. "Patient" means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
- F. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, group, or individuals acting together for a common purpose or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency other than the United States.

- G. "Certificate" or "Certification" shall mean organization in written form issued by the State Emergency Medical Services Commission to a person to operate and maintain an emergency ambulance, to act as an ambulance service provider or to exercise the privileges of an Emergency First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic.
- H. "EMS Board" shall mean the Emergency Medical Services Board created under this Ordinance.

SECTION II. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

There is established and created within Cass County Government, a Department which shall be identified as the Cass County Emergency Services Department, which is hereby created for the purposes of providing Emergency Medical Services to the citizens of Cass County, Indiana.

SECTION III. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF EMS BOARD

There is hereby created an Emergency Medical Services Board. The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of Cass County for the term of one (1) year. An individual's membership shall terminate if said individual no longer represents the "category" he was chosen to represent. Any appointment to fill a vacancy occurring on the Board shall be for the unexpired term.

SECTION IV. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMS BOARD

- A. The Cass County Emergency Medical Services Board is an advisory committee to the Cass County Commissioners. Its mission is to review and establish good sound medical direction for all Emergency Medical Services in Cass County.
- B. The Emergency Medical Services Board is not intended to direct medical treatment (i.e. drug dosages, or treatments, this is the responsibility of a department's Medical Director), but to insure that the policies of a particular department do not interfere with the continuum of care provided by other departments in the patient care chain that begins with First Responders and ends with patient care being turned over to Emergency Department personnel.
- C. The Emergency Medical Services Board shall also study current and future needs and directions for Emergency Medical Services in Cass County as concerns arise.

SECTION V. ORGANIZATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

A representative from the County Commissioners shall serve as temporary Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Board and shall convene the first meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board. At its first meeting, the Emergency Medical Services Board may select from its membership such officers as it deems necessary. The Emergency Medical Services

Board may meet as often as necessary, but said meetings shall be held at least quarterly each year.

SECTION VI. STANDARDS FOR THE EMS SERVICES IN CASS COUNTY

- A. No EMS provider shall operate on the streets or alleys of Cass County/City of Logansport unless they are in compliance with all aspects of the Ordinance.
- B. All EMS services functioning within Cass County shall be in compliance and certified by the State Emergency Medical Services Commission.
- C. Any EMS service operating within Cass County must follow established protocols for basic life support and advanced life support care set forth by Cass County and the Emergency Medical Services Director.
- D. All EMS services operating within Cass County, in compliance with this Ordinance, must be a Paramedic Advance Life Support Service or contracted in writing with a Paramedic Advanced Life Support Service based in Cass County and after receiving approval of the EMS Board and the Cass County Commissioners.

SECTION VII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Board may recommend, and the Cass County Commissioners shall hire an Emergency Medical Services Director who shall be responsible for overseeing the Department and supervising employees of the Cass County Emergency Medical Services Department. The Cass County Commissioners, with the assistance of the Cass County Human Resources Director, shall establish a Job Description which shall be followed by the Director.

SECTION VIII. INDIANA CODE§ 16-31-5-1 ET. SEQ.

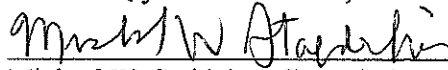
Indiana Code§ 16-31-5-1 et seq. authorizes and empowers, a political subdivision, such as Cass County, Indiana, to take certain actions to establish, promote and support its Emergency Medical Services Department and the Emergency Medical Services provided to Cass County. The Cass County Commissioners hereby adopt these same provisions into this Ordinance as if made a part thereof. Cass County may establish, operate and maintain Emergency Medical Services; levy taxes under Indiana Code§ 6-3.6 and expend appropriated funds to pay the costs and expenses of establishing, maintaining, or contracting for medical services; apply for and receive gifts, grants, bequests, State, Federal and local aid and other forms of financial assistance to support the Emergency Medical Services; establish and provide for the collection of reasonable fees for emergency ambulance services, among other acts to support Cass County's Emergency Medical Services.

SECTION IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. No one shall obstruct, impede, or interfere with any call that Cass County 911 Services are responding to or are actively engaged with pursuant to I.C. 35-44-3-8.5.
- B. In the event of a disaster Cass County Emergency Medical Service Director, or their designee shall be the highest medical authority in charge at the scene of said disaster.
- C. No health care facility shall be permitted to intentionally use any Emergency Medical Service known to be in non-compliance with this Ordinance. Not applicable to Federal Facilities or Facilities outside of Cass County.
- D. Any Emergency Medical Service found in non-compliance with this Ordinance and the standards set therein shall be liable to a fine of \$1,000.00 per day, for each day of non-compliance.

Adopted the 4th day of October, 2021.

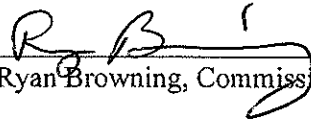
Cass County Commissioners, Indiana:



Michael W. Stajduhar, Commissioner

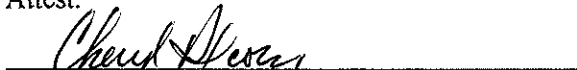


Ruth Baker, Commissioner



Ryan Browning, Commissioner

Attest:


Cheryl Alcorn, County Auditor