

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE CHARGES FOR PRIVATE EVENTS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 35 AND CHAPTER 177 OF THE NORWALK CODE

- Section 1. Purpose.
- Section 2. Ambulance Use For Private Events.
- Section 3. Amendment to Chapter 177.
- Section 4. Repealer.
- Section 5. Severability Clause.
- Section 6. When Effective.

Be it ordained by the City Council, City of Norwalk, Iowa:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to create a new Section 35.17, Norwalk Municipal Code and amend Section 177.01 of the Norwalk Municipal Code to authorize the use of a staffed ambulance for private events and establish rates therefore.

Section 2. Ambulance Use For Private Events. Section 35.17 of the Norwalk Municipal Code is hereby created as follows:

Section 35.17 Ambulance Use For Private Events. For private events occurring within the jurisdiction of the Norwalk Fire Department which, as a result of expected crowds or the nature of the activities occurring, have a greater potential need for an emergency response, the Norwalk Fire Chief may authorize, upon receipt of an application from the event organizer, the private dedication of an ambulance and personnel to attend the event.

- A. "Private Event" means a specific social, business, or recreational event held or organized by an individual, organization or party other than the City of Norwalk, which takes place on private property or City property for which a permit has been obtained.
- B. The fee for a private dedication of an ambulance and personnel shall be charged at a rate of \$250 per hour. The minimum fee shall be for one (1) hour of service and shall be billed in quarter hour increments, including travel time to and from the event.
- C. In the event treatment or transportation of a patient is required at the event, the City of Norwalk shall charge the individual user of the services provided pursuant to fee schedules outlined in the Norwalk Code in addition to the fee required in Section A above.

- D. The Norwalk Fire Chief shall have the discretion to authorize the private dedication of an ambulance dependent on availability of resources, current call demand, event security and availability of personnel.
- E. An event organizer shall provide information in its application for ambulance service, proof of insurance coverage, proof of compliance with all safety regulations, expected number of people in attendance, and all activities expected to take place at the event.

Section 3. Amendment to Chapter 177. Chapter 177 of the Norwalk Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the fee proscribed in this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability Clause. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Norwalk, Iowa on the 15th day of June, 2023.

Tom Phillips, Mayor

Attest:

Lindsey Offenburger, City Clerk

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

City Clerk