

76.00 RESCUE SQUAD—AMBULANCE SERVICE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD—AMBULANCE SERVICE AND MAKING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SAME

The City Council of the City of Kerkhoven, Minnesota ordains:

76.01 Definitions. “Ambulance” means a vehicle which is designed or intended to be used in providing transportation of wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human beings or expectant mothers.

“Attendant” means a trained and/or qualified individual responsible for the operation of an ambulance and the care of the patients whether or not the attendant also serves as driver.

76.02 Purpose. This Ordinance is for the purpose of providing adequate transportation for the sick and injured and promoting the public health, safety, and comfort and welfare of the citizens of the Kerkhoven area.

76.03 Volunteer Rescue Squad—Ambulance Service Established. There is hereby established a volunteer Rescue Squad—Ambulance Service for the City of Kerkhoven to provide adequate provisions for the transportation of the sick and injured to and from hospitals, asylums, medical centers or institutions where proper treatment and assistance may be administered.

76.04 Election. The director, assistant director, secretary and treasurer shall be elected annually by the members of the Rescue Squad—Ambulance Service subject to confirmation by the City Council. Each shall hold office for one year and until his successor has been duly elected, except that he may be removed by the Council for cause after a public hearing. Attendants shall be appointed by the members of the Rescue Squad—Ambulance Service and shall continue as members of the Service during good behavior and may be removed by the Council only for cause after a public hearing.

76.05 Duties of Director. The Service shall be directed and supervised by the director whose duty it shall be to keep all ambulance equipment in order, to establish rules and regulations for the use and operation of the same and that such rules and regulations are duly executed; and otherwise to do and perform with the assistance of such additional personnel as necessary to accomplish the object and aims of this Ordinance.

The director shall make a report, annually, to the Council at its meeting in September, as to the condition of the equipment and needs of the Service. He may submit additional reports and recommendations at any meeting of the Council and he shall report each suspension by him of a member of the Service at the first meeting of the Council following such suspension. He shall be responsible for the proper training and discipline of the members of the Service, and may suspend any member for refusal or neglect to obey orders pending final action of the Council.

76.06 Qualifications. The members shall be able bodied and not less than 18 years of age. They shall acquire the 81-hour Emergency Health Care Certificate or its equivalent, and have a valid Minnesota driver’s license.

76.07 Assistant Director. In the absence or disability of the director, the assistant director shall perform all the functions and exercise all the authority of the director.

76.08 Compensation. Compensation shall be set by the members of the Service subject to Council approval.

76.09 **Establishment of Rates.** The members of the Service shall establish a schedule of charges for the use of the ambulance which will pay all costs incurred in the operation of the Ambulance Service, subject to the approval of the City Council.

76.10 **Establishment of Ambulance Fund.** It is hereby established and the City Clerk-Treasurer shall maintain a fund to be known as the Rescue Squad—Ambulance Fund, a record of which shall be kept by the City Clerk-Treasurer into which shall be paid all moneys received from the use of the ambulance and from which all disbursements shall be paid.

76.11 **Records.** Upon completion of each ambulance run, the attendants on duty shall complete the “Emergency Medical Service Record” form or its equivalent as prescribed by the Minnesota Department of Health.

76.12 **Equipment Requirements.** The ambulance, when in service, shall be equipped with and carry the minimum equipment recommended by the American College of Surgeons.

76.13 **Availability of Service.** The Ambulance Service shall offer ambulance service 24 hours per day every day of the year.

76.14 **Licensing.** The ambulance shall possess a valid license issued by the Minnesota State Board of Health.

76.15 **Interference with Service.** It shall be unlawful for any person to give, or make cause to be made a call for ambulance service without probable cause or to neglect to obey any reasonable order of a driver or attendants at an ambulance call or to interfere with the Rescue Squad—Ambulance Service’s discharge of its duties.

76.16 **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the day of its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council this 22nd day of May, 1984.

/s/ William Doering Jr., Mayor

/s/ Mona Doering, City Clerk-Treasurer

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