

ORDINANCE NO. 2014- 200

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE AMBULANCE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 2011-113 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-114, AND TO ADOPT THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR EMS PROVIDERS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION AND ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2014, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL AMBULANCE VEHICLE PERMIT

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Russellville, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION ONE: REPEAL OF FORMER ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2011-113 as amended by Ordinance No. 2011-114 is hereby repealed and no longer in effect as of the date hereof.

SECTION TWO: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND POLICY

- (a) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the operation of any pre-hospital EMS provider which has a patient pickup point within the City of Russellville, except when operated by a federal or state agency, or when the transport of the patient begins outside of the City;
- (b) In order to lessen congestion caused by emergency vehicles and to provide for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on public streets, to facilitate the prompt and coordinated dispatch of emergency transport vehicles when needed to protect life, safety and health, and to further preserve and promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, the City of Russellville designates the ambulance service (EMS provider) under contract with the Franklin County Commission as the basic life support/advance life support primary responder for all 9-11 calls within the corporate limits of the City of Russellville, and hereby adopts by reference the Franklin County minimum standards for EMS providers adopted by the Franklin County Commission on August 18, 2014, as the procedures, rules and regulations for private ambulances and municipal emergency vehicles in the City of Russellville as set out therein.
- (c) No ambulance service for hire, except those ambulance services for hire lawfully conducting business in the City on the effective date of this

ordinance, shall operate on any street of the City without the owner having first contracted with the Franklin County Commission pursuant to the aforesaid Franklin County minimum standards for EMS providers.

- (d) No ambulance for hire shall operate on any street in the City of Russellville without having first been issued an annual ambulance vehicle permit from the City Clerk, an annual business license from the City Clerk, and current and valid insurance as required by State law.

SECTION THREE: PERMIT REQUIRED FOR EACH VEHICLE

- (a) After an EMS provider (ambulance service) has contracted with the Franklin County Commission as provided under the Franklin County minimum standards for EMS providers adopted by the Franklin County Commission on August 18, 2014, no vehicle shall be operated under authority of such contractual relationship until the owner has made application to the City Clerk for and has been issued a permit for each motor vehicle to be operated under said contract. Every application for a permit shall be in writing, verified by the owner, and shall show the vehicle identification number, the make, type, year of manufacture, unit number, passenger capacity, and exterior color(s) for each motor vehicle for which a permit is requested. No permit shall be issued for the operation of any ambulance, which is unsafe or unfit for the transportation of patients.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to operate an ambulance on any street of the City without first having obtained a permit therefor in accordance with this article or unless exempted therefrom by the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION FOUR: ANNUAL PERMIT FEES

No permit for an ambulance shall be issued or continued in operation unless the holder thereof has paid an annual permit fee of seventy-five (\$75.00) for each vehicle to be operated within the City. The number of ambulances for which permits are issued shall not exceed the number authorized in the contract with the Franklin County Commission. The permits required herein shall be valid for one (1) calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of such year, and any owner desiring to continue the operation of any ambulance shall make application for renewal of any and all permits issued hereunder prior to December 1, of any year for the privilege of operating during the following calendar year. The fee shall accompany the application and shall not be refundable. The amount of the permit fees hereunder prescribed shall not be

prorated for fractional parts of a calendar year, nor shall it relieve the owner of obtaining any city, state or county occupation licenses or complying with any other requirement established by law. Each permit shall designate a specific ambulance and shall not be transferable nor assignable without the prior written consent of the fire chief.

SECTION FIVE: SEPARABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be separable and if any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed and declared unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful or unenforceable by a valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the remaining provisions of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon adoption and publication and/or posting as required or as otherwise provided by law.

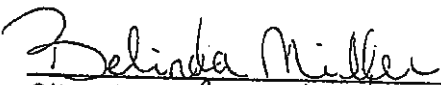
ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 20th day of October, 2014.

CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA

BY: 

Its Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Assistant

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2014-200 AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-200

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Russellville, Alabama, as follows:

A.

SECTION 2(c) of Ordinance No. 2014-200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) No ambulance service for hire, shall operate on any street of the City without the owner having first contracted with the Franklin County Commission pursuant to the Franklin County Minimum Standards for EMS providers.

B.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said ordinance is hereby further amended to add the following:

SECTION 7. Violations; Penalties.

Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable as follows:

(a) A violation of Section 2, Operation of an Ambulance Service for Hire in the City without first having procured a license therefor shall be punishable by a fine, not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and if a willful violation, by imprisonment, not to exceed six months or both, at the discretion of the court trying the same. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Any person operating an ambulance for hire within the City, without obtaining the proper permit, in violation of Section 3, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and if a willful violation, by imprisonment, not to exceed six months, or both, at the discretion of the

court trying the same. Each incident of operation of an ambulance for hire without an annual ambulance vehicle permit from the City shall constitute a separate offense.

C.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon adoption and publication and/or posting as required or as otherwise provided by law.

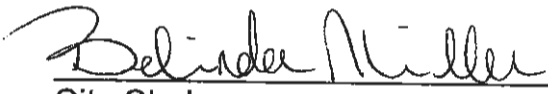
ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 20th day of January, 2015.

CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE

By: 

Its Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk