

ORDINANCE NO. 2025--001

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS
FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES BY THE
PINGREE GROVE AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
(Ambulance Transport Billing)**

WHEREAS, the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District (the "District"), Kane County, Illinois, is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois including but not limited to the Fire Protection District Act (the "Act", 70 ILCS 705/0.01 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") has full power pursuant to Section 6 of the Act (70 ILCS 705/6), to pass all necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the Board for carrying into effect the objects for which the District was formed; and

WHEREAS, the section 22 of the Act (70 ILCS 705/22) grants the Board the authority to "fix, charge, and collect fees for emergency ambulance service within or outside the fire protection district"; and

WHEREAS, the District renders emergency medical services on public and private property within or without the district to resident and non-resident persons, businesses, and other entities in the performance of its obligations to the public; and

WHEREAS, the District and its taxpayers incur significant costs for such emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to charge fees for providing emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane County, Illinois, as follows:

Section One: The Board finds and determines the above recitals to be true and correct, and incorporates them as if written out here in full.

Section Two: That the District hereby establishes the following **Ambulance Transport Fee Schedule** as follows:

Ambulance Transport Fee Schedule:

- (a) A fee will be charged for emergency medical services rendered by the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District for ambulance service provided by the District or any municipality or fire protection district which provides emergency medical services pursuant to a contract or mutual aid agreement with the District.
- (b) The current GEMT rate set for the Ambulance Fee for Advanced Life Support is \$3,807.40 and the Basic Life Support is \$2,907.95. Basic life support (BLS) is defined as care that involves the treatment of non-life-threatening injuries or illnesses, requiring only basic levels of care. Advanced life support (ALS) is defined as care that involves the treatment of injuries or illnesses, requiring advanced levels of care including but not limited to advanced medical procedures, medication administration, intravenous therapy, and electrocardiogram interpretation. The District charges a rate of \$30 per mile. Each resident or non-resident refusing transport but requiring on-scene basic life support (BLS) OR advanced life support (ALS) shall be charged five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The fee charged by the District shall be established on an annual basis based on the Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Ground Emergency Medical Transport Cost Report Calculation of Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District: Medical Transportation Services and approved by the District's Board of Trustees.

- (c) The Ambulance Transport Fee shall be increased based on the Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Ground Emergency Medical Transport Cost Report Calculation of Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District Medical Transportation Services each year and will increase yearly thereafter. In the event the annual calculated fee for the upcoming year is less than the current fee being assessed, the current fee shall be assessed for the following calendar year.
- (d) All patients, whether resident or non-resident, receiving Medical Transportation Services from the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District shall be billed uniformly at the rate as determined in Section Two (b) of this Ordinance.
- i. For purposes of this Section, the term "resident" shall mean any person whose actual domicile is within the corporate boundaries of the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District.
 - ii. Fees assessed under the authority of this Ordinance may be billed and collected utilizing the services of a third-party billing service. Further, in consideration of fiscal support of the District by its residents through property tax payments, fees under section two of this Ordinance for emergency medical services treatment and/or transport to residents shall be limited to the established fee for said service that is reimbursed by the resident's health insurance provider (whether private, Medicare, etc.) plus co-pays, if any. Non-residents, who do not support the District through property tax payments shall be billed the full amount for emergency medical services treatment and/or transport specified in section two.

Section Three: The Fire Chief, or his designee, is hereby authorized to waive any or all fees due from a person, business, or other entity under this Ordinance pursuant to administrative regulation or on a case by case basis. Individual consideration may be given where a person presents, in good faith, a financial hardship or inability to pay.

Section Four: Nothing in this Ordinance shall authorize the Fire District to refuse to provide any service to any person, business or entity that has not paid for services previously provided or that owes any money for services provided.

Section Five: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance. All ordinances and parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict.

Section Six: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval. All new rates shall take effect beginning on 12:01 a.m. on January 22, 2025.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District, at a meeting held on 21st day of January 2025, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1



President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF KANE) SS

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Matthew Clark, the duly qualified and elected Secretary of the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane County, Illinois, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

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which Ordinance was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District at a meeting held on the 21st day of January 2025.

I do further certify that a quorum of said Board of Trustees was present at said meeting, and that the Board complied with all of the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. I do further certify that the original, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe-keeping and that I am the keeper of same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the District this 21st day of January, 2025.



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Pingree Grove and Countryside
Fire Protection District