

ORDINANCE NO. **02-5207**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 15-703 AND BY ADDING A SECTION TO BE NUMBERED 15-703.5; PROVIDING THAT REQUIRED AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIME DOES NOT APPLY TO "NO CODE" CALLS AND REQUIRING AMBULANCE SERVICES TO PROVIDE A QUARTERLY RESPONSE TIME REPORT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Section 15-703 of the Billings, Montana City Code be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

Sec. 15-703. Criteria for license.

Any person desiring to obtain the license required by this article shall demonstrate the ability to meet the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant must possess a current license from the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Services to provide emergency medical services, both transport and treatment services, at the advanced life support level.
- (2) The applicant must provide emergency medical services at the advanced life support level throughout the city, twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- (3) The applicant must have adequate personnel, vehicles, equipment and facilities to respond at the advanced life support level to emergency calls to all locations within the corporate limits of the city within eight (8) minutes or less on at least ninety (90) percent of such calls. The response time does not apply to calls that have been screened by 9-1-1 dispatch and are dispatched to an ambulance with the specific statement that it is "no code", meaning not life threatening.
- (4) The applicant must have a commercial general liability policy, in a form acceptable to the city, insuring the applicant for not less than the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00), per occurrence, for bodily injury or death and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00), per occurrence, for loss or damage to property. Said policy shall name the city as an additional named insured. The applicant must furnish proof of such insurance coverage prior to issuance of the license.

- (5) The applicant must provide a performance bond, running to the city, in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), conditioned upon applicants full compliance with all provisions of this article during the entire period that applicant is licensed by the city. Failure to remain in compliance with all requirements of this article for the full license period, without a written variance from the city, may result in cancellation of the license and, at the city's sole option, forfeiture of the performance bond to the city.
- (6) The applicant must comply with all rules and regulations governing emergency medical services and emergency medical technicians as promulgated by the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and the Board of Medical Examiners as contained in the Administrative Rules of Montana.

Section 2. That the Billings, Montana, City Code be amended by adding a section to be numbered 15-703.5, to read as follows:

**Sec. 15-703.5 Response time standards - Reports required.**

The ambulance service provider must meet or exceed the response time standards listed in Section 15-703(3). The ambulance service provider must quarterly provide to the City Administrator an internally reconciled response time report on a form provided by the City, which will include:

- (1) Total number of responses by priority.
- (2) All late responses and compliance percentage by priority.
- (3) Detailed documentation of exemption requests for unusual factors beyond the contractor's control, specifically severe weather conditions, declared disasters or periods of unusually high demand for emergency service.
- (4) Total combined system performance.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption as provided by law.

Section 4. REPEALER. All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions

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or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 28th day of May, 2002.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles F. Tooley Mayor

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Marita Herold, CMC City Clerk