

CHAPTER 4.

AMBULANCES.¹

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Sec. 4-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Ambulance driver. Any person who drives an ambulance not pursuant to any contract with the county, in which is transported any person needing medical attention, which person entered or was placed in such ambulance at any location in the city.

Ambulance operator. Any person who for any monetary or other consideration, or as an incident to any other occupation, and not pursuant to any contract with the county, transports in one or more ambulances one or more persons from any location in the city to any hospital, or other place giving first aid or medical treatment, regardless of the location of such hospital or other place.

The words "ambulance operator" do not include a person who maintains ambulances for the use of his own employees in connection with the operation by such person of a plant hospital or first aid station for such employees. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

Sec. 4-2. Insurance--Required; coverage.

The city clerk shall not issue a permit to any ambulance operator unless the applicant first files with him a policy of liability insurance on such ambulances. The minimum amount of recovery for such policy shall not be less than the following sums:

- (a) For the injury to any one person or the death of any one person in any one accident, fifty thousand dollars.
- (b) For the injury to two or more persons, or death of two or more persons, or the injury to one person or more, in any one accident, one hundred thousand dollars.
- (c) For the injury or destruction of property in any one accident, ten thousand dollars. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

¹As to permits for ambulances, see Sec. 11-15 of this Code. As to motor vehicle and traffic regulations generally, see Ch. 29.

Sec. 4-3. Same--Notice of cancellation.

The insurance policy required before an ambulance license is issued shall not provide for the cancellation thereof unless it provides that not less than five days' written notice of such cancellation shall first be given to the city clerk. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

Sec. 4-4. Rebates, commissions, etc., prohibited; exception.

An ambulance operator shall not give directly or indirectly or cause to be given, any rebates, commissions, reserve rebates or any reduced rates or cash discounts to any person or group of any nature except as provided in this chapter. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

Sec. 4-5. Rates- -General schedule.

An ambulance operator shall charge the following rates for one patient:

- (a) Response to call and first mile or fractions thereof, ten dollars.
- (b) Each additional mile or fraction thereof, one dollar. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

Sec. 4-6. Same--Additional patients.

An ambulance operator shall charge for each additional patient carried at the same time one-half of the cost allowed for only one patient. For group loads from the same origin to the same destination the ambulance operator shall divide the total charges other than special charges equally among the patients. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

Sec. 4-7. Same--Special handling or services.

In cases requiring special handling or in cases where special services are requested either by the patient or his authorized representative, the ambulance operator, if he separately itemizes such charge in any bill presented to the patient, in addition to the other charges permitted by this chapter, may charge and collect an amount equal to the cost of furnishing such special handling or special services. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410)

Sec. 4-8. Red Cross training of drivers and attendants.

The city clerk shall not issue a permit to any ambulance driver unless the ambulance driver and his attendants, if any, shall within thirty days after applying for an ambulance driver's permit register with the American Red Cross and obtain and keep in his possession a standard Red Cross First Aid Card. (Mun. Code, Sec. 3410; Ord. No. 185)

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