

ORDINANCE NO. 09-6()

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 6, FIRE PROTECTION, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Chapter 6, Fire Protection, of the Code of the County of Albemarle, is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

By Adding:

Article V Emergency Medical Services Cost Recovery
Sec. 6-500 Purpose
Sec. 6-501 Definitions
Sec. 6-502 Permits Required
Sec. 6-503 Fees for emergency medical services vehicle transports

CHAPTER 6. FIRE PROTECTION

ARTICLE V: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COST RECOVERY

Sec. 6-500 Purpose.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §32.1-111.14, it is hereby determined that the powers set forth herein must be exercised in order to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency services and to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare.

State law reference—Virginia Code § 32.1-111.14

Sec. 6-501 Definitions.

"Agency" means any person engaged in the business, service or regular activity, whether or not for profit, of transporting persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or of rendering immediate medical care to such persons.

"Ambulance" means any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, which holds a valid permit issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, that is specially constructed, equipped, maintained and operated, and is intended to be used for emergency medical care and the transportation of patients who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. The word "ambulance" may not appear on any vehicle, vessel or aircraft that does not hold a valid permit.

"Emergency medical services vehicle" means any vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or ambulance that holds a valid emergency medical services vehicle permit issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services that is equipped, maintained or operated to provide emergency medical care or transportation of patients who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.

State law reference—Definitions, Virginia Code § 32.1-111.1

Sec. 6-502 Permits required.

No agency shall charge fees for transport services provided by a private emergency medical services vehicle within the county in response to a call for service originating from the county without

first obtaining a permit pursuant to this section. Permits shall be issued in accordance with section 32.1-111.14 of the Virginia Code, as amended, by the county executive or his designee, upon such terms and conditions as may be needed to ensure the public health, safety and welfare. No permit shall be required for any person acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with the county or while assisting the county during a state of emergency. Agencies permitted pursuant to this article shall comply with all terms and conditions of their permits.

State law reference—Virginia Code § 32.1-111.14

Sec. 6-503 Fees for emergency medical services vehicle transports.

(a) Reasonable fees shall be charged for transport services provided by emergency medical services vehicles operated by the department of fire and rescue or by any private agency permitted under this article. The schedule of fees shall be established by resolution of the board. In no event shall a person be denied transport for emergency medical services due to his or her inability to pay.

(b) The county executive shall establish policies and procedures to implement this section in accordance with applicable law, including payment standards for persons demonstrating economic hardship.

I, Ella W. Jordan, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Boyd	_____	_____
Mr. Dorrier	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Mr. Rooker	_____	_____
Mr. Slutzky	_____	_____
Ms. Thomas	_____	_____