

Ordinance 28
Bridgewater Township
Emergency Services

An ordinance to establish charges for emergency services.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. Pursuant to P.A. 33 of 1951, as amended (MCL 41.801 et seq.), this ordinance authorizes charges to the recipients of fire, medical or other emergency services provided by the Township or its agents.

Section 2. Charges. Persons or firms receiving emergency services from Bridgewater Township or its agents shall be charged for those services based on the fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Township Board. The fees shall cover services that include but not be limited to services for fires, medical emergencies and hazardous materials cleanups. Charges shall be due within 60 days of the rendering of the services.

Section 3. Collection. Charges imposed under this ordinance shall be collectible by the Township or its agent through proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction as a matured debt. Unpaid charges imposed for the protection or cleanup of real or personal property shall become a lien on the property. Such charges may be collected by adding them to tax rolls of the property.

Section 4. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the charges imposed pursuant to this ordinance may appeal those charges to the Township Board. The appeal must be initiated by filing a protest letter with the Township Clerk within 30 days of the notification of the charges. The Township Board shall then conduct a due process hearing and make a decision within 60 days of the hearing.

Section 5. Repeal. This ordinance supercedes and replaces Township Ordinances 14 and 21. Those ordinances are repealed.

Section 6. Severability. Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Certification of Township Clerk

I, Karen Weidmayer, Clerk of Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan,

hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance of Bridgewater Township was duly adopted by the Bridgewater Township Board at a regular meeting held on November 19, 1997.

I further certify that board members, Peacock, Weidmayer, Wahl and Parr voted for adoption of the ordinance and Mann was absent. I further certify that notice of adoption was printed and published on the twenty-seventh day of November 1997, in the Manchester Enterprise, a newspaper circulated in Bridgewater Township. I further certify that a copy of the forgoing ordinance was sent to the Washtenaw County Clerk on November 28, 1997.

Karen Weidmayer
Township Clerk