

ORDINANCE NO. 962

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF AMBULANCES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions

(a) As used herein, the term "ambulance" shall mean and include any motor vehicle acting as a common carrier for hire for the transportation or conveyance of the sick or injured.

(b) As used herein, the phrase, "operating an ambulance" shall apply to the operation of any ambulance which (1) is stationed within the City of Kirkland, or (2) is dispatched from within or without the corporate limits of Kirkland and repeatedly or customarily makes trips for hire within the City to pick up injured or sick fares, or (3) which makes any trips into Kirkland for that purpose after occasional or repeated advertising within Kirkland, of such service. Provided; that the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any ambulance which shall pass through the City of Kirkland in the delivery of fares picked up at points beyond the limits of the City of Kirkland.

(c) As used herein, the term "ambulance licensee" shall mean and include any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of carrying or transporting any sick or injured person, for hire, by the use of an automobile or vehicle designed or adapted for such purpose.

Section 2. Permit and License Required. No person, firm or corporation shall operate, or cause to be operated, any ambulance in the City of Kirkland without first securing from the Clerk and having a valid Ambulance Licensee's Permit and obtaining an Ambulance License for each ambulance so operated.

Section 3. Exhibition of License and Insignia. Each licensee shall cause the City Ambulance License to be prominently displayed where the same may be read by any passenger of such ambulance and the licensee shall paint the Kirkland Ambulance License Number in two prominent places on the exterior of the licensed vehicle at locations and in such manner and color as may be provided by rules and regulations issued by the Chief of Police.

Section 4. Color Identification. Each ambulance licensed under the provisions of this ordinance, shall contain the name of the licensee, be painted in the colors and in the manner set forth in the license application and no ambulance shall be painted a color deceptively similar to any color scheme being used by any previously licensed ambulance licensee.

Section 5. Ambulance Crew. No person, firm or corporation shall operate any ambulance in the City of Kirkland without the same being attended by a crew of two able-bodied male persons, who shall each: Be over the age of 21 years, of sound physique with good eyesight, able to read and write the English language, have never

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been convicted of an offense of moral turpitude, nor within a period of one year been convicted of the offense of reckless driving or driving under the influence, and have qualified and hold an advanced Red Cross Aid Certificate.

Section 6. First Aid Equipment. Each such ambulance shall at all times be equipped as follows:

(a) First aid equipment consisting of leg and arm splints and standard 24 unit first aid kits, as prescribed by the American Red Cross;

(b) Invalid couch-type bed on wheels;

(c) Stretcher for a second patient on floor or hanger;

(d) Bandages, tourniquets and splints;

(e) Oxygen tank;

(f) Clean linen and blankets sufficient for two patients.

Section 7. Mechanical Equipment and Conditions. Each such ambulance shall be equipped, as required by Chapter 269 of the Laws of 1955, as amended, and maintained without known mechanical defect.

Section 8. Public Liability Insurance. No license shall be issued hereunder for any ambulance until the same be covered with public liability insurance in the amounts of \$50,000. for personal injuries to one person, or \$100,000. for more than one person arising out of each accident or occurrence and property damage insurance in the amount of \$10,000. for each accident or occurrence.

Section 9. Application. Application for an ambulance licensee's permit and ambulance license shall be made upon such forms as the Clerk shall prescribe, which application shall be accompanied with the annual license fee and with a certificate of the Chief of Police that the ambulance or ambulances for the licensing of which application is made is equipped and maintained in compliance with the minimum standards required by this ordinance and the state law as to first aid equipment and accessories and by the state law relating to vehicle lighting and other mechanical equipment.

Section 10. Required Information. In addition to such other information as the Clerk shall require, the applicant for an ambulance license shall provide,

(a) By sworn statement the following information:

(1) Name and address of person, firm or corporation desiring such ambulance permit or license;

(2) The number and description of ambulance owned by and operated by the applicant and the location of each;

(3) The distinguishing color scheme, design or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such ambulance.

(b) The following documents:

(1) A certificate from the Chief of Police that the applicant has the minimum first aid equipment and that the ambulance

complies in other regards with this ordinance and the state law;

(2) A policy of insurance as required by this ordinance, which policy shall contain an endorsement providing that ten days' notice to the City of Kirkland will be given by the insurance company in the event of any material change or cancellation.

Section 11. Annual license fee. Such ambulance license shall expire on the last day of December next following the issuance thereof and may be renewed from year to year by the City Clerk upon such evidence as shall be required by him that

(a) the holder thereof is complying with the minimum requirements of the ordinance as to equipment and accessories;

(b) that the operator or crews of the ambulance have not, during the past year, violated provisions of this or other ordinances of this City in the operation of such ambulance so as to unreasonably endanger the lives or property of passengers or other members of the public. The annual license fee shall be \$ 50.00, or \$ 25.00 for a partial year in which the license is issued after July 1st.

Section 12. Revocation. Any such permit shall be subject to revocation by the Clerk:

(a) Upon conviction of the operator for failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, or

(b) Upon being found guilty of failure to comply with the provisions hereof after notice and opportunity to be heard. The following acts shall be deemed sufficient reason for cancelling an existing permit or declining to issue a new annual permit, to-wit:

- (1) Tuning in on police radio calls;
- (2) Poor condition of ambulance equipment or supplies;
- (3) Failure to have a properly qualified crew;
- (4) Unnecessary delay in answering calls;
- (5) Failure to acquire and keep in force the required amount of public liability insurance.

Section 13. Inspection of Ambulances. The Police Department shall make periodic inspections of licensed ambulance as provided by rules and regulations of the Chief of Police for the purpose of determining their mechanical condition and compliance with the requirements of this ordinance and the state law as to equipment and drivers.

Section 14. Police Calls. All calls for ambulance service made by members of the Kirkland Police Department shall be dispatched through the Police Headquarters Dispatcher who shall rotate the calls among the licensed ambulance operators and shall maintain a record of all calls made through such dispatcher. No licensee shall refer such call to any other ambulance operator, but in the event of inability of the licensee to respond promptly to such call, such licensee shall report that fact to the Police Dispatcher who shall call the next licensee on the available list. If no licensee is available, the Police Dispatcher shall call the nearest qualified non-licensed ambulance operator.

Section 15. Each licensee shall, at the time of accepting such license, agree:

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(a) To respond to all calls issued by the City Police if equipment is not otherwise in use, and

(b) To abide by the rate schedule herein contained for service in response to such police calls, and

(c) To make no claim against the City of Kirkland on account of charges occurred in responding to such calls.

Section 16. Rates. It shall be unlawful for any ambulance licensee under this chapter to demand, collect or receive a higher rate of fare than is specified in the following schedule on fares carried in response to a call placed through the Kirkland Police Dispatcher:

(a) Trips made in response to calls received by licensee between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.: A basic rate of \$18.00 per trip within the city limits of Kirkland, Washington, together with a charge of \$1.00 per mile for each patient mile traveled outside the city limits of Kirkland.

(b) Trips made in response to calls received by licensee between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.; A basic rate of \$20.00 per trip within the city limits of Kirkland, Washington, together with a charge of \$1.00 per mile for each patient mile traveled outside the city limits of Kirkland.

Section 17. Penalties. In addition to the provisions relating to the cancellation of license, any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$300.00, or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period of not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 18. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect five days from and after its passage, approval by the Mayor, and posting or publishing according to law.

INTRODUCED this 21st day of December, 1964.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of JANUARY, 1965.

Sam Dancy
Mayor

Attest:

George E. Anderson
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Raymond Thomas
City Attorney

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