ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF TRUMAN TO INCLUDE FEES FOR AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICES WITH THE AUTHORIZED FIRE SERVICE CHARGES CONTAINED IN CURRENT ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Truman is authorized under Section 302.10 of the City Code to charge for fire service under Minnesota Statutes §§ 366.011, 366.012, and 415.01; and

WHEREAS, the City of Truman wishes to include ambulance service charges in the definition of authorized charges.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRUMAN, MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **Repealer.** Section 302.10 shall be repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. **Ordinance.** Section 302.10 shall be replaced in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 302.10. FEES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Subd. 1. This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of authorizing the City of Truman to charge for emergency services, including fire, rescue, medical and related services provided by the City of Truman as authorized by M.S. Section 366.011, 366.012, and 415.01.

Subd. 2. Definitions.

Emergency Service – means any fire, rescue, medical or related service provided by the City of Truman or contracted for by the City of Truman. Emergency Service also includes those same services provided by another Department, Agency, or Service in connection with a Mutual Aid Agreement.

Subd. 3. Parties Affected.

(a) Owners of property within the City who receive emergency service.

(b) Anyone who receives emergency service as a result of a motor vehicle accident or fire.

(c) Owners of property in towns or cities to which the City provides emergency service pursuant to a fire protection contract or mutual aid agreement.

(d) Owners of property in other Cities which receive emergency services while in the service area of the Truman Fire Department ("TFD"), Truman Ambulance Service ("TAS"), or a town with a mutual aid agreement with TFD or TAS.

Subd. 4. Rates. Fees for emergency services shall be as established by resolution of the City Council.

Subd. 5. Billing and Collection.

(a) Parties requesting and receiving emergency services may be billed directly by the City. Additionally, if the party receiving emergency services did not request services, but a fire or other situation exists, which, at the discretion of the fire department or other emergency service personnel in charge requires emergency service, the party will be charged and billed. All parties will be billed whether or not the emergency service is covered by insurance. Any billable amount of the charge not covered by a party's insurance remains a debt of the party receiving the emergency service.

(b) Parties billed for emergency service will have 60 days to pay. If the service charge is not paid by that time, it will be considered delinquent, and the city will send a notice of delinquency.

(c) If the service charge remains unpaid for 30 days after this notice of delinquency is sent, the City will use all practical and reasonable legal means to collect the service charge. The party receiving fire service shall be liable for all collection costs incurred by the City including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

(d) If the service charge remains unpaid for 30 days after the notice of delinquency is sent, the City Council may also, on or before October 15th of each year, certify the unpaid emergency service charge to the County Auditor in which the recipient of the service owns real property for collection with property taxes. The County Auditor is responsible for remitting to the City all charges collected on behalf of the City. The City must give the property owner notice of its intent to certify the unpaid emergency service charge by September 15th.

(e) False alarms may be billed as a fire call at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

Subd. 6. Mutual Aid Agreement. When the City fire department provides fire service to another fire department pursuant to a Mutual Aid Agreement, the billing will be determined by the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Subd. 7. Application of Collections to Budget. All collected fire charges will be city funds and assigned to the fire truck replacement equity fund.

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Jacob Ebert, Mayor

ATTEST – *certified as an official action of the City Council*:

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Melissa Sirovy

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Adopted: _____

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