

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, "AMBULANCES", OF THE ABILENE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That Chapter 5, "Ambulances", of the Abilene City Code be amended as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

PART 2: That if any provision or any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

PART 3: That any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, A.D., 2009.

After said passage on first reading, a notice of time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for second and final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 2nd day of August, 2009, the same being more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time designated for said hearing. After such opportunity for the public to be heard, said ordinance was passed on second and final reading.

Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 13 days of August, A.D., 2009.

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary

  
Mayor

APPROVED:

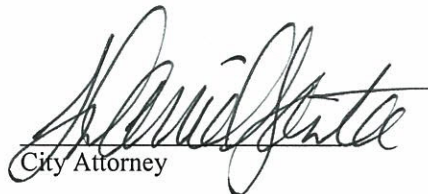
  
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 5, AMBULANCES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**DELETE (as indicated by strikethrough)**

ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 5-2. Exceptions

~~(e) Which is transporting a patient who is picked up from a location within the city limits and transported to a location beyond the limits of the city, providing said ambulance or ambulance service has its principal place of business located beyond the limits of the city.~~

**ADD**

ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 5-2. Exceptions.

(e) Which is transporting a patient who is picked up from a location within the city limits and transported to a location beyond the limits of the city; or,

(f) Which is transporting a non-emergency care patient from one location of a hospital's operations within the city to another location of the same or other hospital's operations within the city; or,

(g) Which is transporting a non-emergency hospice care patient from one location within the city to another location within the city.