

## **CHAPTER 912. AMBULANCES.**

**912.01. Ambulance Defined.** The term “ambulances” as used herein shall include all vehicles used for carrying sick or injured persons for hire for which public patronage is solicited. This chapter shall not apply to ambulances owned and operated by the City of Ashland.

**912.02 Ambulance License Required.** No ambulance for hire shall be operated upon the streets of this City until a license shall have been obtained from the City Council therefor. Such licenses shall be issued as of January 1st of each year and shall be effective for the period of one year from such date unless sooner suspended, canceled or revoked as provided in this chapter Any license taken out in any part of the year after January 1st. 1948 shall have to pay the full license fee for the whole year. A separate license fee shall be paid for each ambulance used by any person, firm or corporation, but application can be made for more than one license in the same application.

**912.03. Application for License.** Application for license for ambulances shall be made by the owner thereof upon blank forms to be furnished by the City Clerk. Such applications shall contain the full name and address of the owner, the make, model and year of manufacture, and Wisconsin State License number for the current year, engine number and factory number of the motor vehicle.

### **912.04 Insurance.**

(a) No license to operate an ambulance shall be issued unless and until the owner shall have filed with the City Clerk an insurance policy issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Wisconsin with which policy or policies shall insure said owner against legal liability for damage to the property of others, including baggage, but excluding property of the insured or property hired or leased by the insured and for the bodily injury or death of others, except to employees of the insured engaged in the course of their employment resulting from the accident or collision, for which said owner or the operator of said vehicle would be liable on account of the liability imposed upon said owner or upon the operator of said vehicle for any acts of negligence of the said owner or of his agents or servants or of any person operating said vehicle with the permission and consent of said owner. Limits of liability shall be the same as those contained in the then current policies of insurance held by the City for its own vehicles.

(b) Said policy shall further provide that it cannot be canceled until twenty days notice of such cancellation shall have been given by registered mail to the City Clerk. The cancellation or other termination of any insurance policy issued in compliance with subsection (4) of this ordinance shall automatically revoke and terminate all licenses issued for the ambulance covered by such insurance policy, unless another policy, as provided in subsection 912.04(a) shall be provided and in effect at the time of such cancellation or termination.

(c) The owner of any such ambulance, at the time of filing with the City Clerk said insurance policy, shall also file a receipted bill from the insurance company issuing said policy showing that the premium for said policy for one year has been paid in full.

**912.05. Inspection.** No vehicle shall be licensed until it has been thoroughly and carefully examined by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee, and found to be in a thoroughly satisfactory and safe condition for the transportation of passengers, clean, of good appearance, well painted and varnished, and that said vehicle complies with all the other provisions of this chapter. Such examination shall be made and a report filed with the City Clerk before the license is issued. If such examination and inspection shows that such vehicle does not comply with any one or more of the provisions of this chapter no license shall be issued.

**912.06. City Clerk Duties.** The City Clerk shall keep a register of the name of each person owning or operating any vehicle licensed under this ordinance together with the license number and description, make, and the name and address of the insurance companies and the date of expiration of such insurance and furnish the Chief of Police with a copy thereof. The records shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable times.

**912.07. Revocation.**

(a) Licenses granted under this chapter may be suspended or revoked at any time by the City Council for any violations of any of the provisions of this chapter and also if the vehicle for which said license was issued shall not be of good appearance, clean, and safe. Licenses suspended or revoked because the vehicle is not of good appearance, clean, or safe shall not be reissued until the vehicle shall be put in good condition for use by the public to the satisfaction of the City Council.

(b) When an ambulance license is revoked or canceled, as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to immediately notify the owner to cease at once to operate the vehicle, for which the license has been revoked, as an ambulance.

**912.08. Fees.** A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per vehicle shall be the license fee for the license year or any fraction thereof, and shall be paid in advance.

**912.09. Unlicensed Ambulance.** No hearse or unlicensed ambulance shall be used or operated as an ambulance except in cases of emergency when authorized by a member of the police force of the City and in such instances such vehicle shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

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