

AN ORDINANCE relating to and regulating the operation of ambulances.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE 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 Bellevue or (2) is dispatched from within or without the corporate limits of Bellevue 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 Bellevue for that purpose after occasional or repeated advertising, within Bellevue, of such service. Provided, that the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any ambulance which shall pass through the City of Bellevue in the delivery of fares picked up at points beyond the limits of the City of Bellevue.

(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.

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

Sec. 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 Bellevue 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 5. Ambulance Crew. No person, firm or corporation shall operate any ambulance in the City of Bellevue without the same being attended by a crew of two able-bodied male persons, over the age of twenty-one years, ~~at least one of whom~~ *at least one of whom shall be* and ~~at least one of whom~~ shall hold a valid state vehicle operator's license and a Red Cross First-Aid Certificate.

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Sec. 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 twenty-four 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 \$50,000.00 for personal injuries to one person or \$100,000.00 for more than one person arising out of each accident or occurrence and property damage insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00 for each accident or occurrence.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 Bellevue will be given by the insurance company in the event of any material change or cancellation.

Sec. 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 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each year or Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for a partial year in which the license is issued after July 1st.

Sec. 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 canceling 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 14. Police Calls. All calls for ambulance service made by members of the Bellevue 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.

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

(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 Bellevue on account of charges occurred in responding to such calls.

Sec. 16. Rates. It shall be unlawful for any ambulance licensee under this ordinance 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 Bellevue Police Dispatcher.

(a) A basic rate of \$ 15.00 Dollars per trip within the City Limits of Bellevue, Washington, together with a charge of Sixty (60) Cents per mile for each mile traveled outside the City Limits of Bellevue.

Sec. 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 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 18. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1957,  
signed in authentication of its passage this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
1957.

*C. Raymond Dickerson*  
MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

*Kenneth Abolt*  
City Attorney

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Attest:

*Janet A. Schuler*  
City Clerk

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CITY OF BELLEVUE  
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CITY CLERK *Janet A. Schuler*