

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2074

AN ORDINANCE relating to the inspection, regulation and control of emergency medical services; and amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Sections 5.17.020, .040, .050, .060, .070, .090, .110, .120, .150, .160 and adding a new Section 5.17.065.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.020, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.020 Definitions. As used in this ordinance the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (1) "Ambulance" shall mean any privately ~~or publicly~~ owned vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, equipped, maintained, or used for the transportation of patients who are sick, injured or otherwise incapacitated, which is operated as part of an ambulance service for hire.
- (2) "Ambulance service" shall mean any person, as defined in subsection (7) of this section, who operates an ambulance for hire which (a) is stationed within the City of Bellevue or (b) 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 (c) 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 chapter 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
- (3) "~~Medical~~ Ambulance Attendant" shall mean any trained, or otherwise qualified individual, responsible for the operation of an ambulance and the care of the patients whether or not the medical attendant also serves as a driver, who is the holder of a valid certificate issued under this chapter.
- (4) "Communication system" shall mean two way radio communications between ambulances, dispatchers, hospitals and other agencies as needed.
- (5) "Department" shall mean the Fire Department of the City of Bellevue.
- (6) "Patient" shall mean an individual who is sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
- (7) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association corporation, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency other than the United States, ~~or~~ the State of Washington, and the City of Bellevue.

- (8) "Clerk" means the City employee or agent appointed by the City Manager as licensing official under this chapter.
- (9) "Fire Official" means the emergency medical coordinator or such other City employee or agent as the City Manager may appoint to perform the duties provided for in this chapter.

Section 2. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.040, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.040 License Required for Each Ambulance. Every person who operates an ambulance service, as defined herein, shall be required to obtain an operator's license from the City Clerk for each vehicle. The City Clerk shall not issue such license unless:

- (1) The applicant has fulfilled all requirements of this chapter and other provisions of law relating to ambulance design and equipment and to the qualifications of ~~medica~~ ambulance attendants; and
- (2) The applicant demonstrates the need for ambulance service in the area where he intends to operate and demonstrates the applicant's capability and willingness to provide adequate service in the designated area.

Section 3. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.050 Application for License - Issuance. Application for a license to operate an ambulance shall be made upon forms provided by the City and shall contain:

- (1) Name, home address and telephone number of the applicant;
- (2) Business name under which the ambulance service will be operated within the City, and business address and telephone number;
- (3) The number of ambulances to be initially placed in service within the City;
- (4) The number of licensed ~~medica~~ ambulance attendants initially to be employed.

Prior to the issuance of the license, the application shall be reviewed and all equipment proposed for use shall be inspected by the ~~Fire-Department~~ Fire Official and shall meet the requirements of this chapter, as determined by the department who shall determine whether said equipment conforms to all the requirements of this chapter, and the regulations issued hereunder.

Upon approval of the application by the Fire Official and payment of the license fee the City Clerk shall issue an ambulance operator's license which shall be effective until January 1 following the date of issue and may be renewed by filing with the City of Bellevue, prior to the expiration thereof, an application containing such information as may be required to indicate any material change in the information contained in the original application.

Section 4. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.060, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.060 Denial, Revocation or Suspension of License. The issuance of a license to operate an ambulance may be denied, or such license may be suspended or revoked, by the Clerk, upon the recommendation of the Fire Official, when the public interest will be served thereby, upon the following grounds:

- (1) The making of a false statement of material fact in the application for license on any data attached thereto;
- (2) Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or rules and regulations issued pursuant to this chapter.

Section 5. A new section is hereby added to Chapter 5.17 of the Bellevue City Code to constitute section 5.17.065 thereof and to read as follows:

Any person aggrieved by the action of the Clerk in refusing to issue or renew a license, or in suspending or revoking a license shall have the right to appeal such action to the Board of Adjustment, or to such other Board as may hereafter be established by the City Council for the hearing of license appeals by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk within ten days of receiving notice of the action from which the appeal is taken. The Board shall set a date for hearing such appeal. At such hearing the appellant may appear and be heard, subject to reasonable rules and regulations provided by the Board. The filing of such appeals shall stay the action of the Clerk, pending the decision of the Board.

Section 6. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.070, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.070 License Fee. The annual fee for an ambulance operator's license shall be \$50.00 unless application is made after ~~July-1~~ June 30 of the current fiscal year, in which event, it shall be \$25.00 for the remaining period of that year.

All licenses issued under this chapter shall expire on December 31 of each year.

Applications for renewal of a license issued hereunder shall be made on or before the expiration date provided for herein in the same manner and on the payment of the same fees as provided for an original application under this section.

There shall be assessed and collected by the Clerk an additional charge, on applications not filed on or before said expiration date as follows:

<u>Days Past Due</u>	<u>Percent of License Fee</u>
<u>7-30</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>31-60</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>61 or more</u>	<u>75%</u>

Section 7. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.090, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.090 Equipment. Sirens and emergency vehicle lamps shall conform with rules and regulations issued under RCW 46.37.194 and shall be

used only in conformity with RCW 46.61.035 and other applicable provisions of law. All ambulances shall be equipped with a communication system as defined in Section 5.17.020 (4) of this Chapter.

Medical equipment to be carried by all ambulances shall include, but not be limited to, an equipment inventory at least equal to that published by the committee on trauma of the American College of Surgeons in their May 1970 bulletin entitled, "Essential Equipment for Ambulances," contained in a list prepared and maintained by the Fire Official, three copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 8. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.110, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.110 Medical Ambulance Attendants - Certificate of License.

No person shall perform the duties of a medical ambulance attendant without first obtaining a certificate therefor from the City Clerk. No such certificate shall be issued by the Clerk until the application for the same has been reviewed and approved by the Fire Official. No such certificate shall be issued to any applicant who has not previously held such a certificate, or whose certificate expired more than one year before application for a new certificate is made, unless:

- (1) The applicant has successfully completed an advanced first aid training and/or paramedical course approved by the department or holds a certificate approved by the department. First aid training for medical attendants will be based upon a course outlined "Basic Training Program for Emergency Medical Technician - Ambulance," recommended by the United States Department of Transportation, which covers curriculum areas as outlined in a report to King County Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Council from the training committee, Norman G. Bettenberg, Chairman, October 1, 1970, three copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk;
- (2) The applicant passes a comprehensive examination on the knowledge required in his work, such examination to be prepared by the department;
- (3) The applicant has a valid Washington State driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; provided that the department may consider the driving record as verified by the Department of Motor Vehicles in determining whether a certificate shall be issued or refused for an ambulance driver attendant;
- (4) The applicant is 18 years of age or older; and
- (5) The applicant shall pay has paid the fee of one dollar.

Section 9. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.120, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.120 Expiration and Renewal of License. Certificates for medical attendants shall expire ~~two years~~ one year from the date of issue. No such certificate shall be renewed unless the holder passes a comprehensive examination on the knowledge required of a medical ambulance attendant or furnishes satisfactory evidence that the applicant has successfully completed within the twelve months preceding the application for renewal, a comprehensive first aid training refresher course approved by the department. Applicants for renewal of such certificates shall pay a renewal fee of one dollar.

Section 10. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.150 are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.150 Provisional Licenses - Conditions - Duration.

(a) When, because of temporary unavailability of equipment ~~or-qualified-medical-attendants,~~ an applicant for a license as required by sections 5.17.040 - 5.17.080 will be unable immediately to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to equipment ~~and-the-qualifications-of-medical-attendants,~~ a provisional license may be issued for a period not to exceed ~~eight-months~~ ninety days, conditioned on the following:

1) The equipment furnished by the ambulance operator meets the current minimum requirements of state law;

2) Diligent efforts shall be made by such applicant to fully comply with the provisions of this chapter, including requiring medical attendants employed by the applicant who do not have the training and educational qualifications set forth in section 5.17.110 to take the first available training and instructional program thereafter offered in King County which meets the requirements of section 5.17.110 (1) and to complete the course of instruction as promptly as may be consistent with the scheduling for standby crews to meet the requirements of section 5.17.110.

(b) ~~when, because of current unavailability within King County of a training and an instructional program meeting the requirements set forth in section 5.17.110 (1), an applicant for a medical attendants license is unable to fulfill the requirement set forth in section 5.17.110, a provisional license may be issued for a period not to exceed 8 months, conditioned on such applicant enrolling in the first available training and instructional program thereafter offered in King County which meets the requirements of section 5.17.110 (1) and thereafter complying with all requirements of section 5.17.110 as quickly as may be practicable under all the circumstances.~~

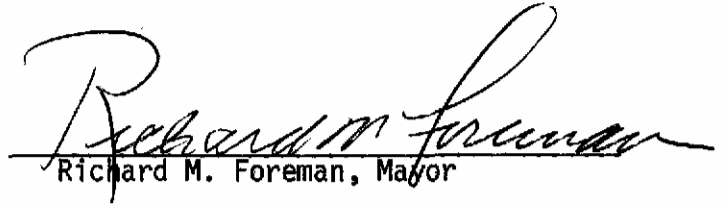
Section 11. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1610 and Bellevue City Code, Section 5.17.160, are hereby amended to read as follows:

5.17.160 Penalty. Any violation of this chapter constitutes a misdemeanor, ~~and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00, or by imprisonment in the City jail for not more than 90 days, or both.~~

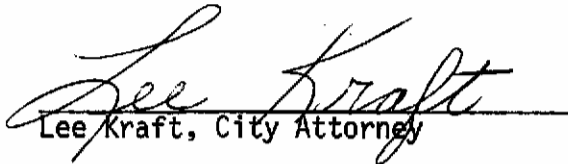
Section 12. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, ~~approval~~ and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 20 day of May,
1974, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20
day of May, 1974.

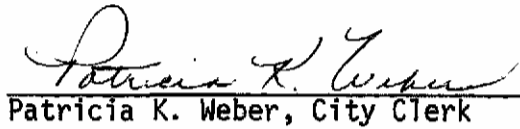
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Richard M. Foreman, Mayor

Approved as to Form


Lee Kraft, City Attorney

Attest:


Patricia K. Weber, City Clerk

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