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2 **Emergency Medical Services** – For the purpose of modifying the provisions of the Annapolis
3 Emergency Medical Services program.

4 **..Body**

5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **City of Annapolis**

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8 **Ordinance 42-20**

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10 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

11 **Co-sponsored by:**

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13 **Referred to**

14 **Finance Committee**

15 **90 day Rule:** _____

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17 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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19 **Emergency Medical Services**

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21 **FOR** the purpose of modifying the provisions of the Annapolis Emergency Medical Services
22 program.

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24 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City
25 of Annapolis, 2020 Edition

26 6.28.010

27 6.28.020

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30 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
31 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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33 **Title 6 – REVENUE AND FINANCE**

34 **Chapter 6.28 - BILLING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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36 **Section 6.28.010 - Establishment of program to bill insurers and non-City residents for**
37 **Emergency Medical Services.**

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39 A program is hereby established to permit the City to bill insurers, nursing homes, and non-
40 City residents for the provision of emergency medical services. The Annapolis Fire Department is
41 the primary provider of pre-hospital emergency medical services within the corporate limits of the
42 City and to many areas outside the corporate limits of the City. All persons in need of such services
43 are entitled to receive them without prior determination of their ability to pay. No person requiring
44 emergency medical services shall be denied services due to lack of insurance or ability to pay. All
45 policies governing management of the program shall be determined by the Chief of the Annapolis
46 Fire Department in collaboration with the Director of Finance. All fees collected under this

1 program shall be deposited into the general fund and appropriated in the annual budget for use
2 only for those costs specifically related to the provision of Emergency Medical Services.

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4 **Section 6.28.020 - Financial arrangements.**

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6 A. Under no circumstances will anyone be refused TREATMENT OR transport if they are unable
7 to pay.
8 B. The City Council will establish the fees for emergency medical services in the annual fee
9 schedule.
10 C. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with a third party billing
11 agency for the performance of emergency medical services billing and collection services.
12 D. The Director of Finance, or the authorized contractor, shall bill and collect for emergency
13 medical services as follows:
14 1. Victims of crime and persons determined to be indigent will not be billed or required to
15 pay for service. However, if the person is in a nursing home at the time of the emergency,
16 the City shall bill the primary insurer. If the primary insurer denies coverage for
17 TREATMENT OR the ambulance transport, the City shall bill the nursing home for the
18 TREATMENT OR ambulance transport.
19 2. If a bill is not paid by a resident and if no insurance information is provided, the City shall
20 not take any action to collect. If a bill is not paid by a non-resident or a nursing home, the
21 City shall file a collection action.
22 3. Residents of the Annapolis Emergency Medical Services Area. If the resident is in a
23 nursing home at the time of the emergency, the City shall bill the primary insurer. If the
24 primary insurer denies coverage for TREATMENT OR the ambulance transport, the City
25 shall bill the nursing home for TREATMENT OR the ambulance transport. In all other
26 instances, the resident's insurance provider shall be billed, unless the resident lacks
27 insurance coverage, in which case the resident shall be billed directly.
28 4. Non-residents of the Annapolis Emergency Medical Services Area. If the non-resident is
29 in a nursing home at the time of the emergency, the City shall bill the primary insurer. If
30 the primary insurer denies coverage for TREATMENT OR the ambulance transport, the
31 City shall bill the nursing home for TREATMENT OR the ambulance transport. In all
32 other instances, the non-resident's insurance provider shall be billed, unless the non-
33 resident lacks insurance coverage, in which case the non-resident shall be billed directly.
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36 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
37 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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40 **Explanation:**

41 UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

42 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

43 Underlining indicates amendments.
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