

ORDINANCE NO. 35-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO CREATE WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL/AMBULANCE SERVICE TO OPERATE AS PART OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO ENTER INTO NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS IN FURTHERANCE OF ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL/AMBULANCE SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2004, the City entered into an EMS Agreement with Norwalk Area Health Services, DBA North Central EMS, to provide emergency medical services to the City and its residents, and

WHEREAS, since March 29, 2004, the City and North Central EMS have renewed their EMS Agreement every five years thereby maintaining emergency medical services to the City and its residents, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 16, 2018, North Central EMS notified the City that it was considering the termination of its EMS Agreement with the City and providing the City with a one-year notice of such proposed action, and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2018, North Central EMS verbally notified representatives of the City that it would not renew its EMS Agreement with the City in 2019, but that it would work with the City to assist it in a transition in emergency medical services from North Central EMS to a different emergency medical service provider, and

WHEREAS, this council finds and determines that the City should continue to provide emergency ambulance and medical services to its residents, and by service agreements to adjoining communities, and

WHEREAS, for the City to provide emergency ambulance and medical services to its residents action must be taken by this Council to authorize the creation of, and provision for such services by the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Port Clinton, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio:

Section 1. The Director of Safety and Service is authorized and directed to proceed to create within the Fire Department an emergency medical/ambulance service to be operated as part of the Fire Department, and to take such action and to enter into necessary contracts and agreements to lawfully implement and operate a City emergency medical/ambulance service, subject to additional legislative authorization as may be required by law, and subject to the contracts and agreements being reviewed by the Law Director.

Section 2. The Director of Safety and Service is further authorized and directed to work with the City Auditor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Law Director, Mayor, and such additional officials and persons to assist him and to develop and propose to this Council additional ordinances and legislative actions required to implement and to carry into effect, create and operate an emergency medical/ambulance service within the City Fire Department.

Section 3. The Director of Safety and Service, the City Auditor, the Mayor, the Law Director, and other city officials and employees as appropriate, each are authorized and directed to take such actions and to sign such documents and instruments as are necessary or appropriate to further the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 5. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective so that the City may take such actions and enter into such agreements as are necessary or appropriate to permit the City to lawfully create and operate an emergency medical/ambulance service on or about April 1, 2019; **wherefore**, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2018

President of Council

Attest: _ Clerk of Council

Approved _____, 2018

Mayor