

**CHICKASAW COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. V-17**

***AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES***

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY:**

**SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEPARTMENT**

The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a new county department to provide emergency medical services in Chickasaw County, including: services in which a person seeks emergency medical care, attention, and service; ambulance transport from home, work, or accident to the nearest hospital, medical center, or specialized treatment facility for emergency medical care as the circumstances of the situation dictate to first responding medical authorities; and emergency and nonemergency medical care at the scene or during out-of-hospital patient transportation in an ambulance—including transferring a patient from one hospital, medical center, or specialized treatment facility to another. The new county department will be owned and operated by Chickasaw County and known as “Chickasaw County EMS.”

**SECTION 2. TEMPORARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Through January 31, 2023, a temporary advisory board shall be in place to oversee the creation, development, and initial operation of Chickasaw County EMS. Members of the advisory board shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The advisory board shall report directly to the Board of Supervisors, and any decisions with respect to Chickasaw County EMS shall be made solely by the Board of Supervisors. The advisory board shall automatically be dissolved on February 1, 2023, unless extended by a resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**SECTION 3. ORGANIZATION**

Chickasaw County EMS shall be under the general supervision of the EMS Director. The EMS Director shall ensure that Chickasaw County EMS is operated in accordance with high standards and meets all of the requirements of State and Federal laws and regulations. The EMS Director also shall ensure that personnel working or volunteering for Chickasaw County EMS are qualified and have met the minimum training and certification requirements. Personnel working or volunteering for Chickasaw County EMS shall report directly to the EMS Director. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint, supervise, and—if necessary—dismiss the EMS Director. The EMS Director shall report directly to the Board of Supervisors.

**SECTION 4. COMPENSATION**

The EMS Director shall be compensated as determined by the Board of Supervisors. Other personnel working for Chickasaw County EMS shall be compensated in accordance with Chickasaw County policies and the general employee handbook.

**SECTION 5. PROVIDING MUTUAL AID**

Chickasaw County EMS is authorized to provide mutual aid to other EMS services, ambulance and rescue services, or first responders as required by law, or as required by any written

agreements mutually approved by both the Board of Supervisors and any other political subdivisions and/or private companies.

**SECTION 6. FEES AND CHARGES**

Fees and charges for the use of services provided by Chickasaw County EMS shall be established to help offset the operating costs of Chickasaw County EMS. The fees and charges for Chickasaw County EMS shall be established by a resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors. The fees and charges shall be payable upon presentation of a statement of said fees and charges to the user and/or recipient of the services provided by Chickasaw County EMS, and shall be paid directly to Chickasaw County according to procedures established by the EMS Director, County Auditor, and Board of Supervisors. Actions for collection of fees and charges may be brought in the name of Chickasaw County, after authorization of commencement of an action by the Board of Supervisors, in the same manner as other actions at law.

**SECTION 7. DEDICATED FINANCIAL ACCOUNT**

The Auditor is directed to establish a dedicated financial account for exclusive use by Chickasaw County EMS. Said dedicated financial account shall include all funds received from cities within Chickasaw County pursuant to 28E Agreements, payments for fees and charges, grant money, and other operating income of Chickasaw County EMS. The Auditor is directed to pay claims associated with the operating costs of Chickasaw County EMS from said dedicated financial account. The Auditor shall keep regular records regarding said dedicated financial account and periodically provide updates to the Board of Supervisors of the details of the same.

**SECTION 8. RULES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES**

The EMS Director shall establish rules and operating procedures consistent with State and Federal laws and regulations—but subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors—as may be necessary for the operation of Chickasaw County EMS.

**SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be in effect immediately after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 26th day of September, 2022, after waiving both the second and third reading.

Those voting in favor (3): Kuhn, Byrne, and Breitbach.

Those voting against (2): Zoll and Hackman.

Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor.