

RESOLUTION NO.: 1-2018
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BILLING SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH LIFE FORCE MANAGEMENT, INC.**

WHEREAS, the existing billing services agreement with Life Force Management, Inc. ("Life Force") for emergency medical services ("EMS") is subject to a one-year renewal and the Mayor, Director of Finance, and Chief of Fire Mayor recommend that a new contract be entered into with Life Force for EMS billing services based on Life Force's performance under the existing contract and prior contracts since at least 2009 and based on proposals from two other EMS billing companies that were interviewed by the Mayor, Director of Finance and Chief of Fire;

WHEREAS, the substantive changes to the newly proposed agreement with Life Force include:

- (a) a new charge to patients for non-transports to a medical facility (for medical histories, taking vitals and initial examination, etc.) of \$350.00
- (b) Life Force will bill and attempt collections from all patients and responsible parties without regard to residency or place of employment (City residents will not be subjected to third party collection agencies efforts to collect.); and
- (c) Life Force will provide a copy of transport documentation to a responsible party's attorney, if requested, rather than the City having to do so;

and

WHEREAS, the 7% fee to Life Force on collections of charges remains the same as in the previous agreement, as well as the three-year term of the agreement with automatic one-year renewals after that initial term, subject to a thirty-day advance notice to terminate the agreement prior to the expiration of the then current term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Mayor is authorized to enter into an EMS billing services agreement with Life Force Management, Inc., an Ohio corporation with its principal place of business in Ravenna, Ohio, under the substantive terms set forth in the recitals to this Resolution and such other term as agreed to by the Mayor, the legal form of which being approved by the Director of Law, and for a three-year term commencing as of January 1, 2018.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

PASSED: January 9, 2018


David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: January 9, 2018

ATTEST: Betsy Traben
Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council


Eloise Cotton-Henry
President of Council