

RESOLUTION NO.: 27 -2024
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1-2018, adopted by the City Council on January 9, 2018, the existing "Billing Services Agreement" with Life Force Management, Inc. ("Life Force") for emergency medical "Ambulance Services the City's Division of Fire provides for City residents receiving Ambulance Services to be billed for the services at full value, subject to the setoff from any insurance coverage or payment from a resident's insurer or payments from another benefits provider, but without a third-party collection agency's efforts to collect the balance amount owed by the resident;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Chief of Fire recommend the following billing policy be incorporated into the City's billing services agreement with Life Force as an amendment thereto:

- a. City of Richmond Heights residents who have received City Ambulance Services shall not be billed by Life Force for the Services;
- b. Life Force shall seek payment only from a City resident's insurer or other benefits provider for City Ambulance Services provided to the City resident; and
- c. A City resident who has received City Ambulance Services shall not be subjected to any third-party collection agency's collection efforts for payment for those Services;

(Collectively, "a" through "c" above are the "Amendment Terms");

WHEREAS, Life Force has agreed to the foregoing Amendment Terms and to incorporating them as an amendment to its current billing services agreement with the City;

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 amendment to the current Ambulance Billing Services agreement with Life Force Management, Inc., which includes the Amendment Terms set forth in the recitals to this Resolution, the legal form of which being approved by the Director of Law.

Section 2: The Amendment Terms authorized in Section 1 of this Resolution shall be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Section 3: 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: February 27, 2024

APPROVED: February 27, 2024



Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: Tracey Blair

Tracey Blair
Clerk of Council



Bobby Jordan
President of Council