

**ORDINANCE 2025-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING CHAPTER 174 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR ENTITLED “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES”**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the governing body hereby amends and supplements the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, so as to create a new Chapter 174, entitled “Emergency Medical Services” as follows:

**Chapter 174 Emergency Medical Services**

**Article I Non-Emergency Responses**

**§174-1 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to encourage persons and/or entities to avoid utilizing 911 emergency calls for non-emergent situations. This article governs 911 calls seeking response by the Township's emergency medical services units in non-emergent situations. It shall be a violation of this Article to request a dispatch of an emergency medical services unit for a non-emergent medical response or transportation. This Article shall not be construed as to affect or impinge any obligations of any facility (as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 57:27G-2) pursuant to “Peggy’s Law”, N.J.S.A. 52:27G-1 et seq., but intended to direct any non-emergent matters to the non-emergent police and/or emergency medical response.

**§174-2 Fees**

- A.** A person, entity, business or facility shall be subject to fees or warnings upon the following schedule:
- 1) First nonemergency response: warning.
  - 2) Second nonemergency response: \$250.
  - 3) Third nonemergency response: \$500.



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4) Fourth and subsequent nonemergency response: \$750 for each violation.

- B.** Fees are to be paid within 30 days of written notification by Township of violation. Upon failure to remit said fee within 30 days of notice thereof, the Township may enforce same through issuance of summons and citation for violation of Township Code, for disposition in Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court against responsible parties.
- C.** It shall not be a violation of this Article if emergency medical services are dispatched under a 911 emergency call that, under reasonable suspicion or belief, was deemed life-threatening or an emergency at the time of the 911 call, but were later determined to be non-emergent by Township Police or emergency medical services.

**§174-3 Appeal from fees**

- A.** A person, entity, business or facility may appeal assessment of a fee to the Township Administrator by filing a written request for a review of the event(s) leading to the assessment of the fee within 20 days from the date of the notice. The filing of an appeal of the fee shall stay the assessment of the fee pending the Township Administrator's determination. If a request for appeal is not made within the 20-day period, the assessment of the fee shall be final as to administrative remedies of the Township.
- B.** The Township Administrator shall make his or her decisions on the basis of a preponderance of the evidence presented from the party filing the appeal, as well as any information received from the emergency medical services unit. The Township Administrator shall confer with the Chief of Police as to the determination. The Township Administrator shall affirm or reverse the assessment of the fee on an appeal within 30 days of receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Township Administrator on the appeal shall be final as to the administrative remedies of the Township.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

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**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor held on the **8th day of May, 2025**, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the **12th** day of **June, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Building located at 665 Radio Road, in Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

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**KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**  
Township Clerk  
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR

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**DAN MAXWELL, MAYOR**

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