

**Adopted September 3, 1996**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE ORDINANCE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Evans County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained, that the following ambulance service ordinance is adopted.

ARTICLE I  
Affected Services

(a) Application: This ordinance shall apply to any ambulance service, except those listed below, which is located within the County or whose services are offered to County residents.

(b) Exempt Services: Exempt emergency medical services are:

(1) an ambulance service operated by an agency of the United States government, or

(ii) a vehicle operated by an individual who is not licensed to furnish emergency medical services and who is rendering assistance temporarily, such as in the case of a major catastrophe or emergency, or

(iii) a licensed ambulance service requested to provide services as specified in any valid mutual agreement.

ARTICLE II  
General Operations Regulations

(a) General Compliance: All ambulance services, vehicles and personnel shall at all times be operated in compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, orders and decrees of the State of Georgia and Evans County.

(b) Base Station: Every ambulance service offering services to residents of Evans County must have a permanent base of operations located within the County.

(c) Hours of Operation: Every ambulance service offering services to residents of Evans County must provide said services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

(d) Staffing: Every ambulance service offering services to residents of Evans County shall have at least two qualified and certified personnel on duty and available to answer calls for assistance at all times. At least one of these individuals must be certified as a Paramedic or a Cardiac Technician, or the equivalent as provided by Georgia law.

(e) Vehicles: All vehicles operated by any ambulance service offering services to residents of Evans County shall be equipped to provide Advanced Life Support at all times.

### ARTICLE III Indemnification

Any person, firm or corporation owning or operating a private business providing ambulance service within the County shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and any resident of the County for any loss or damage resulting from the operations of the ambulance service.

### ARTICLE IV Penalty

Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a Misdemeanor and shall be punishable by either a term not to exceed thirty (30) days in the Evans County Jail, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each violation, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

### ARTICLE V Severability

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.