

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-23-OA ¹³

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE, SO AS TO
AMEND CHAPTER XIV, ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT"**

June 27, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berkeley, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter XIV of the Township Code of the Township of Berkeley, entitled "Establishment of the Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department," is hereby amended and supplemented, so as to amend Section 14-65.10, entitled, which shall read as follows:

§14-65.10 FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The fee schedule for emergency medical services transport by the Township of Berkeley is as follows:

- a. **Base Rate.** The base rate is \$850 per transport. This rate includes the dispatch of two EMTs; services of basic life support; and emergency ambulance transportation to the following health care facilities:
 1. Kimball Medical Center.
 2. Ocean Medical Center.
 3. Community Medical Center.
 4. Centrastate Medical Center.
 5. Jersey Shore University Medical Center (in the event that a Level 1 trauma center is needed).
- b. **Mileage Charge.** A mileage charge of \$25 per mile shall be added to the base rate.
- c. **Additional Charges.** (1) Oxygen - \$95; (2) Collars - \$45; (3) AED - \$95; EpiPen - \$175; (4) Narcan - \$150; (5) CPAP - \$95; (6) Aspirin (per administration) - \$5; (7) Lucas Compression - \$95; (8) Glucose - \$25; (9) Extra Attendant/Bariatric - \$25; (10) Assist in lifting - \$50; (11) Non-emergency stretcher transport - \$500; (12) Refusal (treatment without transport) - \$250; and (13) Standby assignment outside local - \$25 per crew member/per hour.
- d. **Third-Party Plan for Emergency Medical Services.**
 1. The New Jersey State Department of Health has issued licensure for the Berkeley Township Police Department Emergency Medical Services (the "EMS program") administered by the Township of Berkeley; and

2. The Township has a "provider number" with Federal and State Medicare/Medicaid programs, that enables the municipality to engage in a third party payment plan ("payment plan"); and

3. Most residents have a health insurance plan or Medicare/Medicaid which provides payment to relieve their payment obligations; and

4. The Township shall not balance-bill the deductibles and co-pays for Berkeley Township residents, including those covered by Medicare/Medicaid, or bill Berkeley Township residents for payment obligations without insurance coverage.

5. It is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the Township to fully utilize its payment plan in accordance with Health Care Finance Administration Guidelines (HCFA) so that taxpayers will not be responsible for any out of pocket expenses.

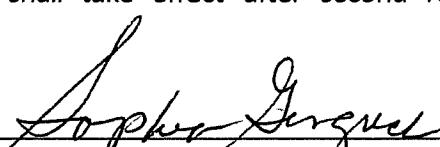
e. Billing Responsibility. The Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Police or his/her designee will be responsible for the plan's billing.

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.

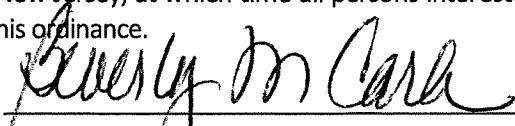
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

CARMEN F. AMATO, JR., Mayor


SOPHIA GINGRICH, Council President
JOHN BACCHIONE, Council Vice President

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, held on June 27, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 25th day of July 2022, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the meeting room of the Municipal Building located at 627 Pinewald-Keswick Road, Bayville, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.


BEVERLY M. CARLE, RMC
Township Clerk, Township of Berkeley