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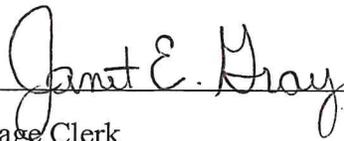
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VILLAGE OF RANTOUL  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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Village Clerk

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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Rantoul, Illinois is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate and promote public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village operates a volunteer Fire Department staffed by approximately thirty trained professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Department personnel are often dispatched to provide non-emergency assistance, such as lift assistance, at local care facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village, through the Fire Department's response to such calls for service, incurs expenses related to providing such non-emergency assistance at local care facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, local care facilities receive compensation from its patients and residents for providing non-emergency assistance, such as lift assistance, services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of calls for service requiring the Fire Department to provide non-emergency assistance, such as lift assistance, to local care providers limits their ability to provide its primary services to the residents of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees desire to enact certain provisions requiring local care facilities to pay a fee to the Village for the Fire Department's response for non-emergency assistance, such as lift assistance, at such facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** Division 1, entitled "General", of Article III, entitled "Fire Prevention", of Chapter 16, entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention", shall be amended by adding the following:

Section 16-80. Short Title.

Sections 16-80 through 16-84 shall be called "Non-Emergency Assistance Fee."

Section 16-81. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Division, the following terms phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given:

- (a) **Assisted-living facility:** Assisted-living facility means an Assisted Living Establishment licensed under the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act (210 ILCS 9 *et. seq.*) and any other residential setting that provides assisted-living services for remuneration to three (3) or more persons who reside in such residential setting and are not related to the owner of the residential setting and, except as hereinafter provided, includes a home, an apartment or a facility; assisted-living facility does not include a home, an apartment or a facility in which (i) casual care is provided at irregular intervals or (ii) a competent person residing in such home, apartment or facility provides for or contracts for his or her own personal or professional services if no more than 50 percent of the persons residing in such home, apartment or facility receive such services.
- (b) **Nursing care facility:** Nursing care facility shall mean a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45 *et. seq.*) or a facility or long-term care facility where medical care, nursing care, rehabilitation, or related services and associated treatment are provided for a period of more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours to persons receiving care at such facility or are residing at such facility who are ill, injured or disabled.
- (c) **Emergency medical treatment:** For purposes of this Division. emergency medical treatment shall mean treatment beyond an initial assessment routinely performed by the Village of Rantoul Fire Department.
- (d) **Lift Assist:** Lift assist shall mean a response by the Fire Department to assist in physically moving a person who does not require emergency medical treatment or transportation in an assisted-living facility, nursing care facility, or similar facility.

Section 16-82. Non-Emergency Assistance Fee; Records.

- (a) When the Rantoul Fire Department responds to a call for assistance at an assisted-living facility, nursing care facility or similar facility to provide non-emergency assistance for a person who does not require emergency medical treatment, such as lifting assistance, the Village shall charge a fee to such facility for the non-emergency assistance provided by the Rantoul Fire Department.

- (b) The fee for providing the non-emergency assistance described in subsection (a) above shall be \$300.00 per incident.
- (c) The Rantoul Fire Department shall maintain records in connection with the services provided pursuant to this Division.

#### Section 16-83. Billing, Delinquency and Collection.

- (a) The Village of Rantoul Finance Department shall be responsible for the billing and collection of amounts due and owing for services provided under this Division. Each facility where services have been provided under this Division will be invoiced monthly for all such services provided at the facility.
- (b) Any bill or invoice for the fee imposed pursuant to this Division shall be considered delinquent upon the expiration of the time allowed for payment, which is 30 days from invoice date. If the fee, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid upon the expiration of the time for payment, a late fee of \$10.00 for every 30 days past due will be imposed.
- (c) If an invoice or portion of an invoice remains delinquent for a period of three (3) months, the Village shall send to the owner or owners of the facility the following: a copy of each invoice sent to the facility or some other notice sufficient to inform the owner or owners that the invoice remains delinquent and the Village may take further action in an attempt to ensure payment is made.
- (d) The Village shall also have the power, from time to time, to file suit against a facility to recover amounts due and owing pursuant to this Division, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

#### Section 16-84. Appeals

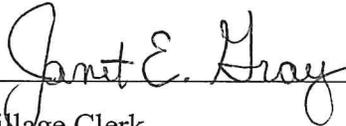
Any facility invoiced for the fee imposed under this Division may appeal the billing to the Village Administrator within 15 days from the date of the invoice. The Village Administrator or his/her designee will hear the appeal within 30 days of the request to appeal the invoice and shall issue a decision within 10 days of the hearing. Any request to appeal an invoice shall be accompanied by a written statement providing the reasons or basis on which the facility believes it is not subject to fee(s) billed in such invoice.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**Section 3. Publication.** The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in pamphlet form.

This Ordinance is hereby passed, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Corporate Authorities then holding office on the date set forth below.

**PASSED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

  
Village Clerk

**APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023



  
Village President