

CHAPTER 12
COLLECTION OF FEES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

An Ordinance to authorize the collection of fees for emergency police, fire, ambulance and inhalator services from non-residences; to establish the amount of the charge; to provide for collection; to provide for an administrative appeal.
(Ord. Adopted March, 6 2001)

SECTION 12.00 - TITLE

The provisions of this Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Rives Township Public Safety Service Charge Ordinance.”
(Ord. Adopted 3-6-01)

SECTION 12.01 - PURPOSE

This Chapter is intended to recoup sums expended by Rives Township from those persons who receive emergency police, fire, ambulance and/or inhalator services, but do not pay property taxes in Rives Township or reside or work in Rives Township.

SECTION 12.02 - APPLICABILITY

- A.** A person or entity who receives emergency police, fire ambulance and/or inhalator services, who does not pay property taxes or reside or work in Rives Township shall be responsible for the charges herein assessed.
- B.** The Township Board shall adopt by resolution a schedule which sets forth the sums to be charged under this Ordinance. The schedule may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Township Board which shall be published in a newspaper or general circulation prior to its effective date.
- C.** The costs shall be reasonably based on the actual costs of providing the services involved, including township costs, current expenses, accrued fund charges, and the cost of administering this Chapter.

SECTION 12.03 - EXEMPTIONS

The foregoing shall be exempt from the charges imposed by this Chapter:

- A.** Services rendered to Rives Township.
- B.** Services rendered under a mutual aid agreement.

SECTION 12.04 - PAYMENT

All charges made pursuant to this Chapter shall be due and payable from the date of billing for the services rendered and in default of payment shall be collectible through proceedings in the 12th

District Court, Jackson County, Michigan, or any other court of competent jurisdiction as a mature debt, including actual attorney fees and cost of collection. Unpaid charges shall bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum beginning thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice and continue until paid in full.

SECTION 12.05 - RIGHT OF APPEAL

Within 30 days of the date of invoice, the person or entity responsible for paying any charge assessed under this Chapter may file a written request with the Township Board and set forth their reasons why the sums assessed should not be paid. The Township Board, where good cause is shown, may waive or reduce the amount invoiced.

SECTION 12.06 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Chapter be declared void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity, or enforceability of the other provisions or parts hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Chapter are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12.07 – ADOPTION HISTORY

The provisions stated in this Chapter were first made effective by adoption of the Rives Township Public Safety Service Charge Ordinance on March 6, 2001.