

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

AN ORDINANCE amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 5.96.080 entitled Conditions of ambulance service.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

Section 1. City of Yakima Municipal Code Section 5.96.080 Conditions of ambulance service, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Each ambulance service operating within the city must comply with the following minimum conditions:

- (a) Provide ALS and BLS ambulance services throughout the city on a twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week basis.
- (b) Each ambulance of the ambulance service that is operating in the city must be licensed by the state of Washington and must meet all standards and requirements set forth in WAC Chapter 246-976 as now or hereafter amended. Proof of a current state license must be maintained and available in the ambulance at all times.
- (c) Each ambulance of the ambulance service that is on duty and operating in the city shall be staffed with a minimum of two ambulance attendants, and staffed in accordance with the applicable ALS and BLS personnel requirements in WAC 246-976-390 as now or hereafter amended.
- (d) Emergency incidents shall require that the closest appropriate level of ambulance, BLS or ALS, be dispatched as determined by the EMD criteria outlined and approved by the Yakima County MPD.
- (e) The city may provide first response EMS. An ambulance service receiving a direct request for EMS shall notify the city's 9-1-1 communication center immediately so that the department's first response can be initiated. The only exception to this requirement shall be for the transport of nonemergent interfacility transfer of patients, routine medical transports, and BLS standbys.
- (f) For emergency responses, ambulances shall maintain a response time as required by WAC 246-976-390, or as amended, of those calls occurring within the corporate city limits.
- (g) Within ten calendar days following the end of each month, the ambulance service shall provide the fire chief with a written report from the previous month that demonstrates whether the ambulance service has complied with the city's response criteria. The report will include the date of each incident, location, the time the call was received, the time of arrival of the ambulance at the incident scene, and the calculated response time. The report shall include a separate section that identifies all ambulance service responses that did not comply with the city's response criteria and description of the reasons for the delay of each such response.
- (h) Each ambulance service shall comply with all applicable state and local laws, rules, regulations, procedures, and protocols, including but not limited to those that are specific to

ambulances, ambulance service, ambulance equipment, ambulance personnel, EMS, ALS, and EMT and paramedic personnel.

(i) Each ambulance service shall equip each of its in-service ambulances with a fully functioning AVL unit of a type and model that is acceptable to the city. City personnel shall monitor the location of each AVL unit and respective ambulance on a twenty-four-hour basis in order to ensure that the closest available appropriate ambulance is dispatched to any incident requiring an ambulance. The ambulance service shall be responsible for all costs associated with the purchase and maintenance of the AVL unit for each ambulance and are required to pay the city a monthly monitoring fee within ten calendar days following the end of each month of monitoring service. The monthly monitoring fee will be set forth in the city of Yakima master fee schedule adopted via resolution by city council. Any ambulance service contracting for dispatch services with the city shall be excluded from monthly AVL monitoring fees. (Ord. 2022-040 § 26, 2022; Ord. 2022-025 § 1, 2022; Ord. 97-71 § 1 (part), 1997).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, signed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosalinda Ibarra, City Clerk

Publication Date:

Effective Date: