ORDINANCE NO. 2014-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-101 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, ENTITLED "FEE FOR CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE"

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary and in the best interest of the citizens of the City of League City, Texas, to amend Section 38-101 entitled Fee for City Emergency Medical Service in order to establish a policy for the collection of delinquent fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received information at their meeting on December 1, 2014, and directed staff to return with a policy recommendation for their consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of League City to pursue the recovery of the costs of the Emergency Medical Service by adopting a collection policy for periods beginning with fiscal year 2009-2010 and going forward; and

WHEREAS, under the collection policy, after 6 months the City will send a final collection letter followed by efforts from a collection firm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, that:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct.

Section 2. The following sections will be added to the Code of Ordinances and the existing text of Section 38-101 shall be subtitled as subsection (a).

Section 38-101 (b) The City of League City will make every reasonable attempt to collect fees for service. In the event an account is inactive for a period of six (6) months, the City will send the patient a final notice and then the unpaid account will be submitted to the City of League City's designated collection agency.

Section 38-101 (c) Fee adjustments in EMS billing may be made that are found to be in the best interest of the City. These adjustments will be reported to the City Manager and the City Council.

Section 38-101 (d) The Director of Emergency Services and Director of Finance will submit quarterly and annual reports to the City Manager and the City Council. These reports will include information on billings, adjustments, and collections and outstanding delinquent accounts.

Section 3. All ordinances and agreements and parts of ordinances and agreements in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

PASSED first reading the 16th day of December, 2014.

PASSED second reading the 13th day of January, 2015.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED the 13th day of January, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP City Secretary