

TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 1003-09

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK TO
ADD A SECTION ENTITLED
“MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR
CERTAIN CALLS”**

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Park First Aid and Emergency Squad was established in 1986 to serve the general health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the First Aid and Emergency Squad, as set forth in Section 16-2 of the Township Code is to provide “in emergencies and when called upon” ambulance and first aid service; and

WHEREAS, although the First Aid and Emergency Squad in the Township of Rochelle Park is primarily a volunteer organization, the Township has hired the services of a full time EMT and also utilizes the services of per diem EMTs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the costs associated with those individuals, the Township incurs additional expenses for the operation of that department; and

WHEREAS in addition to the costs associated with maintaining the department, the volume of calls received, particularly calls which are deemed to be non-emergency, affects the efficiency of the Squad as well as the ability of the Squad to respond to emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, a review of recent call volume has revealed that a significant percentage of calls received relate to certain businesses and establishments which are operated for profit as opposed to individual residences and citizens; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to impose charges for these calls under certain circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: Section 16-19 is hereby added .

MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR CERTAIN CALLS:

A) Definitions

1. Business Facility - A facility operated for profit which shall include, without being limited to a nursing home, rehabilitation center, convalescence center, medical office, medical clinic, physician's office or hospital.
 2. Non-Emergency Call - A call received by the Rochelle Park First Aid and Emergency Squad which requires a response by members of the Rochelle Park Ambulance Corp. and which has been determined, by representatives of the Rochelle Park First Aid and Emergency Squad, not to be an emergency. This shall also include calls where, upon arrival, it is determined that transportation has already been provided by a private service.
- I. Municipal Charge for Services - There shall be a municipal fee, payable to the Township of Rochelle Park, in the amount of \$500.00 for each call determined to be a non-emergency call to any business facility as defined herein. This fee shall be the obligation of the owner/operator of the facility.
 - II. Procedure for Billing - The Rochelle Park First Aid and Emergency Squad shall submit a monthly report to the Township Administrator which shall provide the name and address of any business facility which has received non-emergency calls together with the number of calls and the dates of those calls. The Township Administrator shall, thereafter, render a monthly statement to the business facility for the calls which are provided for pursuant to this Ordinance. The amount of the charge shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of date of billing and, thereafter, if not paid, shall incur interest charges at a rate of 18% per year.

SECTION TWO. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION THREE: Severability:

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effects to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR: Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

ATTEST:

VIRGINIA DE MARIA,
Municipal Clerk

JOSEPH SCARPA
Mayor