

**TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD**



**ORDINANCE**

# 2595-09

**AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND  
AMBULANCE USER FEES  
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD**

*"Interpretive Statement"*

*This ordinance will increase the fees for emergency ambulance transportation service provided by the Maplewood Fire Department within the Township of Maplewood.*

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 6 of the Code of the Township of Maplewood entitled "Administration of Government - Article IX - Fire Department" be amended as follows:

**FIRST: ' 6-50.2                      User Fee for Ambulance Transportation Services**

- A. The Fire Department may provide emergency ambulance transport service to residents, visitors and travelers in Maplewood, which shall be subject to the priority of demands of Fire Department personnel.
- B. Emergency Ambulance transport services will be provided to the following medical facilities:
  - (1) St. Barnabas Medical Center
  - (2) Overlook Medical Center
  - (3) Beth Israel Hospital
  - (4) University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
  - (5) Union Campus of Overlook Medical Center
  - (6) East Orange General Hospital
- C. A fee of \$600.00 plus \$12.00 per mile, calculated one way, will be charged to all persons receiving emergency ambulance transport service by the Fire Department. An additional fee of

\$35.00 will be charged for oxygen being administered during ambulance transport.

- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payment of the fee by an person receiving such emergency ambulance transport service from the Fire Department may be waived or reduced, provided such person certifies that:
- (1) He/she has no medical insurance coverage in effect to cover emergency ambulance transport service; and
  - (2) His/her total household income places them in the low or moderate income category as defined by N.J.A.C. 5:92-1.3.
- E. The Business Administrator be and is hereby authorized to retain, as provided by the New Jersey statutes, a third-party administrator to handle the billing and collection of emergency ambulance transport fees for Maplewood.

All other sections of this article shall remain unchanged.

**SECOND: Severability**

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**THIRD: Repeal of Prior Ordinances**

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

**FOURTH: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, and that Committee met again on June 3rd, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New

Jersey, at which time and place the Committee proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

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**ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.**  
Township Clerk