

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
AMBULANCE ORDINANCE

ADOPTED: 2020

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Section -Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide emergency ambulance service for public safety and to establish the fees related to and necessary for the provision of such service.

Section – Title and Authority

This ordinance shall be known as the “Town of Gouldsboro Ambulance Ordinance” It is adopted pursuant to the enabling provisions of the Maine Constitution, the provisions of 3—A M.R.S.A.. Section 3000.1 and the provisions of the Town Charter for the Town of Gouldsboro.

Section-Ambulance Service

- a. The Town of Gouldsboro shall provide ambulance service within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Gouldsboro to residents and non-residents.
- b. The Town of Gouldsboro may provide ambulance service outside of the geographic boundaries of the Town of Gouldsboro when, in the discretion of Authority Having Jurisdiction, such service is required due to a public emergency and/or when the Town of Gouldsboro has entered into a mutual aid agreement with another municipality for such service.

Section-Fees

- a. The fees to be charged for ambulance services shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen annually during it’s budget process and shall be published in the Town’s comprehensive fee schedule to be adopted by the Townspeople during the annual Town meeting.
- b. All fees will be collected by the Town of Gouldsboro Finance Department and deposited into the EMS Reserve Fund on a daily basis.
- c. Town of Gouldsboro retains the discretion to contract with outside agencies to conduct billing and collection services related to the fees assessed for ambulance service under this Ordinance.
- d. The Town of Gouldsboro may not be considered a preferred provider for purposes of insurance billing.

Section-Use of Fees

The fees collected from the provision of ambulance services shall be deposited into the EMS Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying the reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred, including personnel, training, supplies, and equipment used in providing ambulance services under this Ordinance

Section- Administration and Enforcement:

It shall be the duty of the Town of Gouldsboro Finance Department to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance for the payment of fees for services rendered hereunder.

Section-Severability

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be determined in court to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other portion of the ordinance or the remainder of the ordinance as a whole.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon July 1, 2020.