

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO WRITE OFF OUTSTANDING AND UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS FROM THE CITY'S AMBULANCE/EMS CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cortland operates an emergency medical service out of the City's Fire Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cortland Fire Department is authorized by O-65-08 to bill all persons transported by the City's emergency medical service/ambulance; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent business practice for the City of Cortland Fire Department to both pursue the collection of unpaid EMS accounts and also decide when to halt pursuit of those EMS accounts that are deemed uncollectable; and,

**WHEREAS**, the EMS accounts deemed to be uncollectable and written off will be reviewed by, and the process approved by City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, OHIO THAT:**

**Section 1.** The City of Cortland Fire Department shall continue to pursue the collection of debts it is owed for unpaid EMS accounts.

**Section 2:** The City of Cortland Fire Department or its designees in the City's Finance Department have the discretion to pursue collection which may include the use of the Legal Department for legal action on the unpaid EMS accounts and may write off the debts that they deem to be uncollectable subject to Item 3.

**Section 3:** Prior to writing off the EMS debts as uncollectable the Fire Department or its designee in the Finance Department will present the information to Council at a regular meeting which will then approve/disapprove of the process by simple majority roll call vote.

**Section 4:** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force as early as allowed by law.

**PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015.**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**FILED W/ MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

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**MAYOR**

**DATE APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_

- ROLL CALL**  
**Edwards, aye**  
**Linville, aye**  
**Petrosky, absent**  
**Piros, aye**  
**Rowley, aye**  
**Tackett, aye**  
**Woofter, aye**

**OFFICIAL SEAL**