

ORDINANCE 2006 - 02

**ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE
LAPORTE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners previously established the authority of emergency medical services by resolution; and

WHEREAS, such resolution was not as definite as provided by statute Indiana Code 16-31-5-1; and

WHEREAS, such resolution is necessary to re-establish an ordinance to be in conformity with statute and the authority of the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County that:

1. The LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services is hereby re-established and designated to provide emergency medical ambulance services to LaPorte County.

2. To continue to maintain such authority, LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services must:

- a. Be State Certified to perform such emergency medical ambulance service
- b. Have State Certified ambulances.
- c. Respond with a paramedic and emergency medical technician capable of providing advanced life support.
- d. Operate under the authority of a supervising hospital with approved life support protocol.
 - (1) The supervising hospital must be operating within LaPorte County and must be licensed pursuant to I.C. 16-21-2 et seq; and
 - (2) Be certified by the Indiana Emergency Medical Service Commissions to supervise a paramedic and emergency medical technician.

3. No other person, organization, group or corporation may furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise or otherwise be engaged in providing emergency medical service in LaPorte County; either paid or voluntarily, until such person, organization, group or corporation is authorized to do so by LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services authority except as otherwise provided by I.C. 31-5-2 as follows:

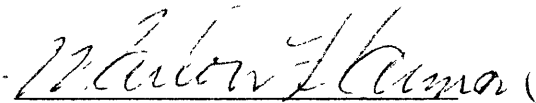
- (1) If such person is authorized to provide emergency medical ambulance services in any part of another County; and
- (2) Such person has been requested to provide emergency ambulance services:
 - (a) To the County in which the person is authorized to provide emergency ambulance services, and those services will originate in another County; or
 - (b) From the County in which the person is authorized to provide emergency ambulance services and those services will terminate in another County.

4. All definitions provided in Indiana Code Title 16 as the same provides to emergency medical services are hereby applicable and are incorporated as part herein in this Ordinance as the same and subsequent amendments thereto.

5. In the event any other emergency medical provider operates in LaPorte County in violation of this Ordinance and without the permission of the Board of Commissioners and the LaPorte County EMS, such provider will be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per day, per violation. In the event legal action is necessary to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance to include the payment of fines, the County may be entitled to all reasonable attorney fees, costs of litigation and the enforcement of this Ordinance.

6. This Ordinance will take effect immediately after its passage, posting and publication as provided by law.


ADOPTED on this 21st day of February, 2006.


MARLOW HARMON, President


BARBARA HUSTON, Vice President


WILLIAM HAGER, Member

ATTEST


TERESA SHUTER, Auditor