

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greene County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Meeting Room to consider the following:

- Amend Greene County Code by adding Chapter 43 – Emergency Medical Services Cost Recovery

A copy of the proposed amendment may be viewed at the County Administrator's Office, 40 Celt Road, Stanardsville, VA or online at www.gcva.us.

Barry J. Clark, Clerk
Greene County Board of Supervisors

Chapter 43

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COST RECOVERY

Sec. 43-1 Purpose.

Pursuant to Virginia Code 32.1-111.14, it is hereby determined that the powers set forth herein must be exercised in order to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency services and to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare.

State law reference – Virginia Code § 32.1-111.14

Sec. 43-2. Definitions.

“Agency” means any person engaged in the business, service or regular activity, whether or not for profit, of transporting persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or of rendering immediate medical care to such persons.

“Ambulance” means any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, which holds a valid permit issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, that is specially constructed, equipped, maintained and operated, and is intended to be used for emergency medical care and the transportation of patients who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. The word “ambulance” may not appear on any vehicle, vessel or aircraft that does not hold a valid permit.

“Emergency medical services vehicle” means any vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or ambulance that holds a valid emergency medical services vehicle permit issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services that is equipped, maintained or operated to provide emergency medical care or transportation of patients who are sick injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.

State law reference – Virginia Code § 32.1-111.1

Sec. 43-3. Permits Required.

No agency shall charge fees for transport services provided by a private emergency medical services vehicle within the county in response to a call for service originating from the county without first obtaining a permit pursuant to this section. Permits shall be issued in accordance with § 32.1-111.14 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, by the county administrator or his designee, upon such terms and conditions as may be needed to ensure the public health, safety and welfare. No permit shall be required for any person acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with the county or while assisting the county during a state of emergency. Agencies permitted pursuant to this article shall comply with all terms and conditions of their permits.

State law reference – Virginia Code § 32.1-111.14

Sec. 43-4. Fees for Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Transports.

(a) Reasonable fees shall be charged for transport services provided by emergency medical services vehicles operated by a volunteer rescue squad or a volunteer fire department or by any private agency permitted under this article. The schedule of fees shall be established by resolution of the board. In no event shall a person be denied transport for emergency medical services due to his or her inability to pay.

(b) The county administrator shall establish policies and procedures to implement this section in accordance with applicable law, including payment standards for persons demonstrating economic hardship.