

ORDINANCE NO. 00- 5118

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO BE NUMBERED 15-708 THROUGH 15-711; PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) COMMISSION; ESTABLISHING A NINE (9) PERSON MEMBERSHIP COMPOSED OF CITY AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES AND ESTABLISHING TERMS PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND PROVIDING AN ANNUAL WRITTEN STATUS REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARIZING CURRENT ASSESSMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Billings be amended by adding new sections to be numbered 15-708 through 15-711 to read as follows:

**Sec. 15-708. There is hereby created an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Advisory Commission.**

**Sec. 15-709. Composition, appointment, term.**

The EMS Advisory Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members from the City of Billings and Yellowstone County, each of whom will be a registered voter. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council as follows: A Senior Citizen residing within the City and ~~four~~ five at-large citizens residing within the City. The remaining ~~six~~ four members of the Commission shall consist of the following: The Billings City Fire Chief, ~~who shall be a non-voting member~~, a Yellowstone County government representative, one representative each from Deaconess Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital and Health Center, ~~the Finance Director from the City of Billings and a representative from the City Legal Department.~~ one City Council member shall be appointed by the Mayor as a liaison to the Commission and shall report as necessary to the City Council. Members shall serve for no more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms, however, the Mayor shall limit the terms of the first members of the Commission as follows: Two (2) members' terms will expire at the end of the first year; Two (2) members' terms will expire at the end of the second year; Two (2) members' terms will expire at the end of the third year; and three (3) members' terms will expire at the end of the fourth year;

**Sec. 15-710. Organization.**

The first chairperson of the EMS Advisory Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve for the remainder of the calendar year. Thereafter, at the first meeting of each calendar year, the Commission shall elect from its membership one person to serve as chairperson and such other officers as the Commission deems appropriate. A person designated by the City Administrator shall serve as secretary to the Commission and shall prepare all necessary minutes and other appropriate documents.

**Sec. 15-711. Powers and duties.**

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Billings City Charter, the EMS Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all aspects of formulating City policy and/or ordinances concerning

Emergency Medical Services. The primary, initial responsibility of the Commission shall be to review existing City ordinances and policies and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council that will improve the City's ability to provide the appropriate level of Emergency Medical Services as required by community need. Additionally, the Commission shall continuously review the current local organizations which provide emergency medical services and shall assess their ability to provide necessary and appropriate services to the community. The Commission shall present an annual written status report to the City Council summarizing the Commission's on-going review and assessment.

Section 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption as provided by law.

Section 3. **REPEALER.** All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By Charles F. Tully  
Mayor

ATTEST:

By Colleen P. Schell-Berg  
City Clerk  
Deputy City Clerk

