

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING MUTUAL AID
EMS BILLING**

WHEREAS, the City of Mason and Deerfield Township are participants in the Warren County Mutual Aid Agreement, entered into in August 1999; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason Fire Department and the Deerfield Township Fire Department are agencies that bill EMS insurance providers for their resident and non-resident services within their own jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, both agencies have determined that it would be in the best interest of the respective jurisdictions to bill for EMS services performed outside of their respective jurisdictions when performing mutual aid services; and


WHEREAS, both agencies desire to have this understanding memorialized in writing in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

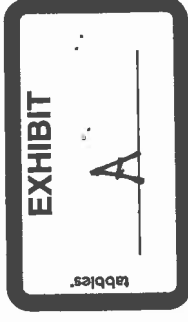
Section 1. That the City Manager hereby is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding substantially in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2007.

Attest: 
Clerk of Council


Mayor



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

RECIPROCIY REGARDING EMS INSURANCE BILLING FOR MUTUAL AID CALLS

Whereas the existing Warren County Mutual Aid Agreement was entered into in the month of August, 1999, between the fire and EMS-related agencies serving all jurisdictions in Warren County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing fire protection and assisting other jurisdictions during time of limited emergency resources, and

Whereas both the City of Mason and Deerfield Township are agencies of record in approving and participating in said Agreement, and

Whereas this Agreement, in Section I - "Charges", outlines that said agencies may not charge subsequent residents and non-residents of the community for delivering said services when called upon for mutual aid outside of their normal jurisdiction, and

Whereas both the City of Mason Fire Department and the Deerfield Township Fire Department are agencies that bill EMS insurance providers for their resident and non-resident services within their own jurisdictions, and

Whereas both agencies would otherwise bill EMS insurance providers for their resident and non-resident services within their own jurisdictions had these calls occurred within their own jurisdictions, and

Whereas the recipient of emergency services currently receives no bill when mutual aid services are rendered in lieu of services from the home jurisdiction, and

Whereas, significant revenue would otherwise be realized had these emergency calls occurred when the home jurisdiction was not handling other emergencies, and

Whereas both parties wish to enter this agreement and have hereto agreed to allow the other jurisdiction to bill for services rendered within their jurisdiction, despite the existing Mutual Aid Agreement language specific to charges, and

Whereas both the City of Mason Fire Department and the Deerfield Township Fire Department both contract the services of the same third-party EMS insurance billing agency,

Then it is hereby resolved that both the City of Mason Fire Department and the Deerfield Township Fire Department have agreed to allow each other to bill for EMS services rendered to both residents and non-residents in their community, which would otherwise be exempted under the Warren County Mutual Aid Agreement, when these services are provided outside their home jurisdiction.

Agreed to this ____ day of December, 2007, by the City of Mason and Deerfield Township, as designated below:

Chris Romano, President
Deerfield Township Board of Trustees

Eric Hansen, City Manager
City of Mason

Date

Date

Dan Corey, Vice President
Deerfield Township Board of Trustees

Date

Lee Speidel, Trustee
Deerfield Township Board of Trustees

Date

Approved to Form:

Tom Swope, Township Law Director
Deerfield Township

Date

Mason City Solicitor
City of Mason

Date