



VILLAGE OF BLANCHARDVILLE CHARTER ORDINANCE 2023 – 002

The Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Lafayette and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Section 1: The authority of the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Wisconsin to enact this CHARTER ordinance are the powers conferred by Wisconsin State Statues.

Section 2: The Charter Ordinance relating to the provision of Emergency Services including Fire and Medical Protection is updated as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: This Charter Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, of the Wisconsin Constitution, and Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

- A. The Village recorded that Fire Protection Services were necessary to the safety and wellbeing of our community in 1929.
- B. That determination is documented as a Charter Ordinance and was published in the papers having circulation at the time in accordance with 66.101.12
- C. That Ordinance is hereby revised as described in the following sections

SECTION 2: The Village mission provides for the safety and health of our community. Fire protection services and Emergency Medical Care are core components of that mission. In 2023 the Fire Department includes an EMS Company.

- A. Combined Charter Ordinance 1 of 1929 is updated to reflect modern processes and concerns as published in Chapter 46 of the Blanchardville E-Code
- B. Lafayette County Emergency Medical Services is a countywide service which provides a Levy Limit Exception, used to fund taxpayer access to dedicated ambulance services through its EMS Commission responsible for the transparent and equitable per capita funding model throughout our county.
- C. The Blanchardville Fire Department shall be known as the Blanchardville Fire Department and for so long as the criteria described in this charter ordinance is met, shall provide EMS known as the Blanchardville Emergency Medical Corps.
- D. The Blanchardville Fire Department shall consist of no less than 20 active members, where active is defined by department by-laws.
- E. The Fire Chief is the presiding officer of the Blanchardville Fire Department and shall preserve order over matters involving fire.
- F. The Blanchardville EMS Director is the presiding officer for the Emergency Medical Corps but shall consult with the Fire Chief on matters affecting the

Blanchardville Fire Department, for so long as Blanchardville operates an EMS.

- G. Evaluation of Emergency Services shall be made every two years by the Public Safety Committee, and for Fire as well as EMS the standards below shall be used.
- H. The Chairperson of Public Safety and Village President shall maintain a working relationship with the Lafayette County EMS Director and County Emergency Response Director or equivalent.
- I. To the extent this Charter Ordinance requires revision of Chapter 46, those revisions shall be made upon adoption of this Charter Ordinance and subsequent changes or additions to Chapter 46 shall be made in compliance with the standards described in this charter ordinance.

SECTION 3:

- A. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services are of paramount local concern.
- B. The Village has determined it is in the best interest of its community to apply limitations on any EMS proposed or currently operating in the service area without exception.
- C. The Village has determined that failure to meet the standards described in this ordinance constitute an immediate danger to Public Health, Safety, or Welfare.

SECTION 4: The Village finds it is necessary to define and describe the following terms in determining the fitness of an EMS to serve our community :

- A. Certified EMS is defined by reference to Chapter 256.12.2(a).
- B. EMS Control or Representation has the meaning of:
 - 1. Ownership of the adopted EMS or
 - 2. At least one Village Trustee or EMS Officer with a meaningful vote or a designated representative of the community
- C. Community has the meaning of: The residents of the Village of Blanchardville and residents of any local government bodies with whom Intergovernmental Agreements are in effect as of March 15th, 2023, and any that choose to exercise renewal provisions of such agreements as happens from time to time.
- D. Adopted EMS has the meaning of: The EMS primarily responsible for Emergency Medical Responses throughout the community, or as named by the Village Board, and is funded in any part by the Village.
- E. A Volunteer EMS has the meaning of: An EMS certified (DHS) at Basic Emergency Medical Technician or above where none of the members are full time employees.
- F. A Hybrid EMS has the meaning of: An EMS Certified at Basic Emergency Medical Technician or above where at least 2 people are full time employees, but Volunteer or Limited Term Employees represent 66% or more of staff expected to respond to a call in the proposed or designated service area.
- G. A Full Time EMS has the meaning of: An EMS Certified at Basic Emergency Medical Technician or above where 66% or more of staff expected to respond to a call in the proposed or designated service area are full time, for example on a 12-hour shift.

- H. A Contract EMS has the meaning of: A Private Company or Other Organization not controlled by a Village or City, operating an EMS Certified at Basic Emergency Medical Technician or above.
- I. A County EMS has the meaning of: An EMS which is controlled, owned, or adopted by the County through a County Executive or the Board of County Supervisors.
- J. Incident Alert has the meaning of the point in time where the appropriate EMS Representative was sent notification by Dispatch.
- K. Scene Arrival has the meaning of: The elapsed time from Incident Alert time to the time when the ambulance arrives on scene.
- L. Unit En Route has the meaning of: The elapsed time from Incident Alert time to the time when the ambulance has a legal crew on board (DHS) and is moving towards the scene.
- M. Schedule has the meaning of: 336 hours of time in a given two-week period for which a Basic Emergency Medical Technician or above might be scheduled or on call.
- N. Disposition has the meaning of: The stated or relayed medical facility that a patient will be delivered to for further care beyond Emergency Medical Services.
- O. DHS refers to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and its applicable administrative codes.
- P. LCEMS and Commission refers to Lafayette County Emergency Medical Services and the Lafayette County EMS Commission.
- Q. Proximity has the meaning of: The physical location from which an ambulance would depart from and the distance to Village Hall or local governmental designated community building or municipal post office.
- R. The Blanchardville EMS Director has the meaning of: The officer identified in EMS By-Laws as having control of the Emergency Medical Corps.
- S. Working Relationship has the meaning of: At least an annual conference where at least one Trustee (President or Chairperson) communicates with the EMS Director or County Emergency Coordinator or equivalent discussing introductions, changes in local resource lists, plans, and anything as appropriate to effect coordinated services for our community.
- T. Action has the meaning of: A formal exercise of WI Statutes 61.34 or 66.0101 powers belonging to the Village Board, explicitly addressing EMS and Fire.

SECTION 5: The Village Board has determined an EMS must meet the following criteria and failure to do so shall be met with action by the Village Board:

- A. Certification as an EMS through the Department of Health Services or the Administrative Agency identified by the WI Legislature
- B. For Hybrid or Full Time EMS a schedule is provided addressing the maximum possible coverage necessary to properly staff ambulances appropriate to the level of service they are certified at, and at a count appropriate for the population of the community.
- C. Unit en route time of less than 9 minutes, in at least 70% of cases, within a period of time up to 24 months.
- D. Scene arrival time of less than 20 minutes, in at least 70% of cases, within a period of time up to 24 months.

- E. Shared control or representation for municipalities whose residents are served by, levied, or otherwise charged for EMS or related services.
- F. Any charges, fees or levies bear a reasonable relationship for which it is imposed.

SECTION 6: The Village Board finds that:

- A. The Village owns & operates a Certified EMS as part of the Fire Department in 2023
- B. The Village operates its EMS in Dane, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties and is the Political Subdivision best situated to lead evaluations of Emergency Medical Services in these overlapping areas covered by its service in January 2023
- C. The LCEMS and Commission funding requires changes at the local level and our community's governing bodies can help Blanchardville adapt.
- D. Blanchardville shall adapt by creating 2 additional seats on the Public Safety Committee, which shall hear and participate in the restricted following matters:
 - a. Fixed Income Assistance Program
 - b. Ambulance or Supporting Vehicle Lifecycle to include acquisition and replacement.
 - c. Recommendations to the Village Board regarding expansions of the service area
 - d. Participation in the Bi-Annual Review
 - e. Recommendations to the Village Board relating to Bi-Annual Service Review for the Emergency Medical Corps.
- E. Contracted Townships may coordinate amongst themselves to send 1 Township Representative for those communities within Lafayette County and 1 Township Representative for those communities outside of Lafayette County for confirmation by the Village Board. Confirmations shall not be declined without exceptional justification, for example the representative becomes a primary suspect in an embezzlement case.
- F. The Bi-annual Report covering fiscal health, strategic direction, and schedule staffing confidence shall be delivered to participating governmental bodies at least 60 days before the renewal date of current contracts.
- G. The Public Safety Committee with the confirmed township representatives shall review the list of restricted matters at least every 6 months and the mileage and per diem for township representatives shall be covered at the prevailing rate the Village of Blanchardville uses.
- H. If the townships fail to designate a single representative or no townships are contracted with Blanchardville Fire Department's Emergency Medical Corps fitting either township representative description, then the Chairperson of Public Safety may appoint a representative or waive the provisions relating to those representatives.
- I. The Village has entered into agreements with adjacent local governmental bodies pursuant to which the Village has agreed to provide EMS Services to such local bodies governmental bodies in accordance with the terms of the negotiated agreements
- J. The Village must be able to rely upon the validity of its negotiated agreements with other governmental bodies and is a paramount local concern.


SECTION 7: This Charter Ordinance shall be effective sixty days after its passage by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Village Board and its publication unless, within such sixty (60) days, it be made subject to a referendum in the manner prescribed by Section 66.0101(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Introduced for adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, WI, this 10th day of April 2023. Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Lafayette and Iowa Counties with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays

Village of Blanchardville


Nicholas J. Crooks, Village President

Attest:


Amy M. Barnes, WCMC
Village Clerk – Treasurer

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