

## CHAPTER 5.08 - AMBULANCES

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### 5.08.010 - Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to the provisions of this Chapter:

- A. *"Advanced life support"* means invasive emergency medical services requiring advanced medical treatment skills as defined in Chapter 18.71 RCW.
- B. *"Ambulance"* means a ground vehicle designed and used to transport the ill and injured and to provide personnel, facilities, and equipment to treat patients before and during transportation.
- C. *"Ambulance service "* or *"ambulance operator"* means an agency, public or private, that operates one or more ambulances.
- D. *"Basic life support"* means noninvasive emergency medical services requiring basic medical treatment skills as defined in Chapter 18.73 RCW.
- E. *"Board"* means the Port Angeles Medic I Board created pursuant to this chapter.
- F. *"Emergency medical care"* or *"emergency medical service"* means medical treatment and care which may be rendered at the scene of any medical emergency or while transporting any patient in an ambulance to an appropriate medical facility, including ambulance transportation between medical facilities.
- G. *"Emergency medical technician"* means a person who is authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Health to render emergency medical care pursuant to RCW 18.73.081.
- H. *"Emergency pre-hospital care personnel"* means personnel certified to provide emergency medical care under Chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW.
- I. *"First responder"* means a person who is authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Health to render emergency medical care pursuant to RCW 18.73.081.
- J. *"Medic I Personnel"* means any person who is acting on behalf of the Port Angeles Fire Department and who has been certified as a paramedic or emergency medical technician.
- K. *"Operating an ambulance"* means the use of an ambulance in any of the following manners:

1. An ambulance stationed within the City;
  2. An ambulance dispatched from within or without the Port Angeles City limits which repeatedly or customarily makes trips for hire to pick up the sick or injured from within the City to health facilities within the City.
- L. *"Patient"* means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.
- M. *"Person"* means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind, including a government agency.
- N. *"Port Angeles Consolidated Dispatch"* or *"Dispatch"* means the Police/Fire Dispatch Center located within the Port Angeles Police Department.
- O. *"Response time"* means the time from the ambulance service being notified by dispatch to arrival of the ambulance on scene.
- P. *"Secretary"* means the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

(Ord. 2958 § 1, 6/13/1997; Ord. 2449 § 1, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 1, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.020 - License—Required.**

- A. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, an ambulance in the City without first securing from the City Clerk a business license for such purpose.
- B. No such license shall be issued unless:
1. The applicant has fulfilled all applicable requirements of the laws of the State of Washington, including but not limited to Chapter 18.73 RCW and Chapter 248-17 WAC, as now or hereafter amended.
  2. The applicant has met all the requirements of this chapter.
- C. There shall be no fees charged for an ambulance business license issued pursuant to this Chapter.

(Ord. 2449 § 2, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 2, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.030 - License—Application—Required information.**

In addition to all other information required of an applicant for a business license, an applicant for an ambulance business license shall provide the following information:

- A. The number and description of ambulances owned and operated by the applicant;
- B. The distinguishing color scheme, design, or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such ambulance;
- C. A certificate of insurance as required by this chapter which shall contain an endorsement providing that 30 days' notice to the City will be given by the insurance company in the event of any material change or cancellation in the insurance.

D. List of current employees filed with the City Clerk and updated annually, providing the following information:

1. Valid Washington State driver's license;
2. Evidence of emergency medical technician or first responder certification, including expiration dates.

E. The licensee and each employee listed in (D) above shall satisfy a record check by the Police Department, showing no criminal convictions for crimes having a direct adverse relationship to custody of incapacitated persons, custody of narcotics and controlled substances, or the safe driving of emergency vehicles. The Police Department shall provide this information on any new employee to the City Clerk within three days.

(Ord. 2449 § 3, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 3, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.040 - License—Exhibition required.**

Each ambulance licensed pursuant to the terms of this chapter shall contain the business license or a reasonable facsimile thereof, prominently displayed in the interior of the ambulance in a position where the same may be seen and read by any person.

(Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 4, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.050 - Ambulance crew required.**

A. No person shall operate any ambulance in the City without the same being attended by a crew of two able-bodied persons, both of which shall be emergency pre-hospital care personnel, at least 18 years of age, holding valid Washington State vehicle operator's licenses, holding a first responder or emergency medical technician certificate, at least one of which shall be an emergency medical technician, who shall be in command of the vehicle and shall be in the patient compartment in attendance to the patient.

B. Emergency medical care by ambulance crew will be performed in accordance with the applicable standards and principles of the course of instruction required for the type of emergency pre-hospital care personnel rendering the emergency medical service and will be subject to the immunity from liability provisions of Ch. 18.71 RCW as now or hereafter amended.

C. The vehicle operator shall be knowledgeable about the street locations within the City of Port Angeles. The Fire Chief or his designee may require successful completion of a written street location examination to determine competency.

(Ord. 2958 § 2, 6/13/1997; Ord. 2449 § 4, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 5, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.060 - Equipment.**

All ambulances, when in operation, shall have at least the minimum equipment required by regulation of the State of Washington for ambulances. All equipment must be in proper operating condition at all times.

(Ord. 2449 § 5, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 6, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.070 - Inspection required.**

The Fire Chief or his designee shall inspect all ambulances prior to issuance of any license to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Such inspection shall include adequacy and maintenance of medical equipment and supplies, and the mechanical condition of the vehicle, including its mechanical and electrical equipment. Inspection shall also occur once per year thereafter, or at any time adequate cause exists, as determined by the Fire Chief.

(Ord. 2449 § 6, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 7, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.080 - Inspection—New vehicles.**

Upon the acquisition of an ambulance not owned by a licensee at the time of issuance of the business license pursuant to this chapter, the licensee shall notify the City Clerk and the Chief of Police of the identification of the new vehicle. If another vehicle is to be replaced, he shall also notify the City Clerk of the vehicle which is no longer to be used pursuant to the terms of the business license. The Chief of Police shall inspect the new vehicle as required by this chapter.

(Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 8, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.090 - Insurance—Required.**

A. No business license shall be issued for the operation of any ambulance until the applicant provides proof of public liability insurance, or an equivalent program of self-insurance, that would provide coverage in the event of liability of the ambulance operator and/or emergency pre-hospital care personnel for bodily injury or death as a result of any accident or occurrence involving the ambulance or the provision of basic life support or advanced life support services. The minimum coverage shall be \$300,000.00 for any one person killed or injured in any one accident or occurrence, \$500,000.00 for all persons killed or injured in any one accident or occurrence, and \$1,000,000.00 for professional liability coverage. Such policy shall also provide a minimum coverage of \$50,000.00 for damages arising out of injury to or destruction of property in any one accident or occurrence.

B. Every insurance policy required under this section shall contain a provision for continuing liability thereunder to the full amount thereof, notwithstanding any recovery thereon, but the liability of the insurer shall not be affected by the insolvency or the bankruptcy of the insured, and that until the policy is revoked, the insurance company shall not be relieved from liability on account of non-payment of premium, failure to renew license at the end of the year, or any other act or omission of the named insured.

C. Every insurance policy required under this section shall extend for the period to be covered by the license applied for and the insurer shall be required to give not less than 30 days' written notice to the City Clerk and to the insured before any cancellation or termination of the policy earlier than its expiration date, and the cancellation or other termination of any such policy shall automatically revoke and terminate any license issued for the ambulances covered by such policy, unless a substitute insurance policy complying with the provisions of this section shall be provided and be in effect at or prior to the time of such cancellation or termination.

D. Every insurance policy required under this section shall include coverage for the ambulance wherever used in the City of Port Angeles, even if used in violation of this chapter, and shall name the City as an additional insured.

E. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to make the City or its officials or employees liable for costs or performance of private ambulance services.

(Ord. 2449 § 7, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 9, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.100 - Service availability.**

- A. No licensee shall list or advertise any telephone number other than 911 for emergency ambulance service. Each licensee may list or advertise a telephone number for access to nonemergency ambulance service, provided the listing or advertisement specifies "CALL 9-1-1 IN EMERGENCIES" and such number is answered on a 24-hour basis throughout the year. Each licensee shall advise every person calling whether an ambulance is available for immediate response, and, if not immediately available, the approximate time delay before an ambulance will become available.
- B. Each licensee shall notify Port Angeles Consolidated Dispatch prior to responding to any call for emergency medical services within the City of Port Angeles.
- C. Each licensee shall maintain a radio communications capability between each of the licensee ambulances and the telephone answering facility described in (A) above.
- D. No effort shall be made by any licensee to transport a patient before release of custody has been made by Port Angeles Fire Department Medic I personnel in charge.
- E. Each licensee shall provide 24-hour availability.
- F. Each licensee shall maintain an average response time of eight minutes for at least 90 percent of the calls for emergency medical service.

(Ord. 2958 § 3, 6/13/1997; Ord. 2449 § 8, 8/7/1987; Ord. 2050 Ch. 2 § 10, 1/1/1980)

**5.08.110 - Acceptance of protocols.**

Each licensee, within 60 days of the effective date of the license, shall enter into an agreement providing for full cooperation between the City and the licensee and for full compliance with the terms of:

- A. Northwest Region (Clallam County) patient care protocols.
- B. Port Angeles Medic I patient transportation protocols.
- C. City of Port Angeles emergency response procedures.
- D. Port Angeles consolidated dispatch radio communication procedures.

(Ord. 3215 § 3, 9/30/2005; Ord. 2449 § 9, 8/7/1987)

**5.08.130 - Filing of ambulance rates required.**

Each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall, immediately upon the issuance of a license, file with the City Clerk its schedule of rates to be charged for its services, for the duration of the calendar year in which the license is issued. Thereafter, each ambulance service licensed under this chapter shall annually file with the City Clerk its schedule of rates to be charged for its services. Said annual rates schedule shall be filed on or before the first day of December of the year preceding the year for which the schedule is to be in effect. The schedule of rates shall be a matter of public record and open to public inspection in the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. Any revisions during the calendar year shall be filed with the City Clerk and be open to public inspection.

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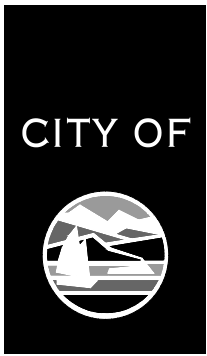
It is unlawful for any ambulance service, including any of its agents or employees, to charge, demand, collect or receive any greater rate of fare than those posted with the City Clerk. It is unlawful for any ambulance service to charge for any service, equipment or supplies not provided by the ambulance service to the patient.

(Ord. 2449 § 11, 8/7/1987)

**5.08.140 - License nontransferable.**

Licenses and certifications issued under this chapter shall be personal to the one to whom issued and cannot be transferred to any other person.

(Ord. 2449 § 12, 8/7/1987)



# PORT ANGELES

WASHINGTON, U. S. A.

## AMBULANCE LICENSE APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Applicant's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Year

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business is: (check one) Single Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of ambulances owned by business: \_\_\_\_\_

Other permits/licenses required to operate business in the State of Washington: \_\_\_\_\_

Washington State Tax I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach a copy of  
Registration with Washington Department of Revenue)

State Returns Filed: Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The total retail sales tax to be collected in the City of Port Angeles is 8.4%. The local tax portion will be rebated to the City of Port Angeles according to the information you report on your tax return under City of Port Angeles Tax Code 0502 for sales tax collected in Port Angeles.

Please attach copies of the following items:

1. Description of ambulances owned and operated by applicant. Include ownership, number and classification of vehicles to be operated, and name (fictitious or otherwise) under which the applicant intends to operate.
2. Distinguishing color scheme, design, or dress, including any monogram or insignia to be used on such ambulances.
3. Certificate of Insurance as required.
4. Copy of list of employees as well as copies of employee's Washington State Driver's Licenses and advanced first aid certificates.
5. List of specific services provided as well as cost of those services/proposed rates.

**In the event there are any *false statements* contained in this application, the license may be denied.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the license fee, the completed application and any attachments to:

Jennifer Veneklasen, City Clerk  
 Phone: 360-417-4634  
[cityclerk@cityofpa.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofpa.us)  
 City of Port Angeles  
 321 East Fifth Street  
 Port Angeles, WA 98362  
[www.cityofpa.us](http://www.cityofpa.us)

<u>Full Year License Charge:</u>	<u>Partial Year License Charge:</u>	<u>Temporary License Charge:</u>
\$25 (July 1 – June 30)	Application Date: July 1-31: \$23 August 1-31: \$21 September 1-30: \$19 October 1-31: \$17 November 1-30: \$15 December 1-31: \$13 January 1-31: \$11 February 1 - June30: \$10	\$10 per month