

RESOLUTION NO. 1445

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Fire Department is the franchised operator of the City of Albany Ambulance Service, and

WHEREAS, delinquent bills have been allowed to accumulate for over a two year period,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albany City Council establish the following policies regarding the collection of delinquent ambulance bills:

1. Where there is no concrete promise to pay or no contact involved regarding persons released by the hospital, collection agency services will be sought after a three month period where there is no contact involved and after a period of six months where there is no concrete promise to pay.
2. Where patient indicates he will pay or that his insurance will be rebating patient to enable him to pay, collection agency services will be sought after a six month period at the discretion of the City Recorder.
3. Where City Police or other law enforcement agency initiates the call for ambulance service and patient renders no payment during the six month period after service is given, collection agency services will be sought after such time has elapsed.
4. Where there are anonymous calls initiating ambulance service and there is either no patient or the patient does not need or wish service, the billing for such will be cancelled immediately.
5. Where a recurring group of patients is involved and such person is found to be physically stable upon arrival of the city ambulance, the city would bill only 25% or \$10 whichever is more said rate to be predicated upon written authorization of patient's doctor to the City Recorder, the City Recorder to maintain such a list of authorized persons.
6. Where a patient with outstanding unpaid bills receives additional service from the ambulance, the new bill will be turned over to a collection agency at the end of two months if not paid.
7. All bills which are unpaid after two years shall be written off unless the City Recorder has reason to believe that payment will be forthcoming.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 1972.

ATTEST:


City Recorder


Mayor