ORDINANCE NO. 1080

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AMBULANCE SERVICES IN SOLANO COUNTY.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I.

Chapter 2.5 is added to the Solano County Code, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.5

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Section 2.5-100. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish and provide for the enforcement of reasonable regulations which are necessary for the public health and safety regarding the dispatching, operation, equipment, and certification of crews of all ambulances.

Section 2.5-101. Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter and of all regulations enacted hereunder are applicable throughout the unincorporated area of Solano County, to the owners, crews, dispatchers, and operators of all ambulances in said area, and to all ambulance operations which involve picking up a patient or victim at an accident site or other location within the unincorporated portion of Solano County, regardless of the destination of the ambulance. Said provisions and regulations are not applicable to ambulance operations which involve picking up a patient or victim at a site outside the unincorporated portion of Solano County for delivery to a destination within or outside said unincorporated portion of the County.

Section 2.5-102. Ambulance Permits.

No ambulance owner, driver, operator, or other person
shall operate, or cause to be operated, an ambulance within
the unincorporated area of Solano County unless a permit
for such operation has been issued by the County Health
Officer, pursuant to the order of the Board of Supervisors
and in accordance with regulations adopted hereunder.
Ambulance operators who are established and doing business
within Solano County upon the effective date of this chapter
shall make application for a permit as provided herein within
30 days of such date, or within 30 days of the effective
date of implementing regulations adopted pursuant to Section
2.5-103, whichever is later. All other ambulance operators
and all operators who do not make such application within
such period shall be deemed new applicants. Preference in
the issuance of permits shall be given to established opera­
tors, and permits shall be issued to new applicants
when the Board of Supervisors finds that there is a
public need and necessity for the ambulance service pro­
posed by the applicant.

Section 2.5-103. Implementing Regulations.
Regulations implementing the provisions of this chapter
shall be adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2.5-104. Enforcement.
Notwithstanding Section 1-7 of this code, any violation
of this chapter shall be an infraction punishable by a fine
not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100) for each separate
offense; provided, that in any accusatory pleading charging
a violation of this chapter, if the defendant has been once
previously convicted of a violation of this chapter, such
previous conviction shall be charged in the accusatory plead­
ing; and if such previous conviction is found to be true or
is admitted by the defendant, any violation shall be an
infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding two hundred
dollars ($200) for each separate offense; and provided further, that in any accusatory pleading charging a violation of this chapter, if the defendant has been previously convicted two or more times of a violation of this chapter, such previous conviction shall be charged in the accusatory pleading; and if such previous convictions are found to be true or are admitted by the defendant, any violation shall be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding six (6) months, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500), or both. Every day any violation of this chapter shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION II.

This Ordinance shall be published once before the expiration of FIFTEEN (15) DAYS after its final passage in the Vacaville Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the County of Solano, State of California, and shall be in full force and effect THIRTY (30) DAYS after its passage.

ATTEST:

NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk
and ex officio Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors,

By

Deputy Clerk

I, NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of September, 1979.

On the motion of Supervisor BRANN
and the second of Supervisor HEWITT, this Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of said Board on the 25th day of September, 1979, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: BRAIN, BRAZELTON, DAVIS, HEWITT, AND

CHAIRMAN ASERA

NOES: SUPERVISORS: NONE

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: NONE

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of said Board this 25th day of September, 1979.

NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk

By [Signature] Deputy Clerk