

Attention: Tucker County Property and Business Owners

We apologize for any confusion or misunderstanding created by the omission of this letter with your Ambulance Service Fee statement.

The Special Ambulance Service Fee of \$50 applies to each Property Owner whether living in or out of Tucker County. The fee applies to real estate OR personal property, but not both, for each family (husband, wife and children under 18). In this instance only (1) fee is applicable, regardless in which name the property is titled.

If you rent and do not own real estate, your \$50 fee is billed to you based on your personal property. If you own more than one vehicle per family (husband, wife and children under 18), you are responsible for one fee regardless in which name the property is titled.

If you received more than one statement, write the word "duplicate" on one of the statements and return it with the remittance portion of your statement and payment.

If you own or operate a business in Tucker County, the ordinance states the EMS \$50 fee is due for each business location within the county. Each business owner/operator will not be required to remit more than three (3) fees — one (1) for a residence, if living in Tucker County, and no more than two (2) for business locations. For those not living within Tucker County, a maximum of three fees, regardless of the number of business locations, will apply.

If you received more than three statements as described in the previous paragraph, simply write the word "duplicate" on the additional statements and return them with the three remittance portion of your statements and your payment.

The Ambulance Service Fee(s) shall be paid on or before September 1st of each year or in accordance with the payment schedule on your statement. Fee(s) that are delinquent on or after May 1st of the year after they became due, may be subject to legal action through a collection agency or by civil action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction as determined by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority Board in its sole discretion.

If a property or business owner believes he/she is erroneously charged the Ambulance Service fee, the County Commission shall provide, upon request, an exoneration form to be completed and returned to the County Commission for review no later than September 30 of the fiscal year for which the fee applies. If good cause is determined, the Commission shall exonerate or modify any or all imposed charges and notify the owner in writing of its decision.

We thank you for your cooperation with this Special Ambulance fee ordinance. It will enable your Ambulance Authority Board to provide two stations with 24/7 availability and a third station as needed, reduce response times, employ more paramedics, enable maintenance of equipment and meet other current needs. Most importantly, "better patient care" will be available for all who call Tucker County home and for all our families, friends, and others who may visit.