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**Article I.    AMBULANCE**

**A.C.A. §§ 12-75-101-133. Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973.**

**A.C.A. §§ 14-282-101-117. Ambulance Service Improvement Districts.**

**Section**

900.00 Ambulance Service Improvement District established.

900.01 Ambulance Service Improvement District Established; Eastern District of Carroll County.

**§ 900.00    AMBULANCE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ESTABLISHED.**

- 1) ESTABLISHMENT AND SERVICE AREA. An ambulance service improvement district serving the area which includes the Beaver, Holiday Island, Johnson Springs, Packard Springs, and Winona voting precincts is hereby established.
- 2) NAME. This district shall be called the Western Carroll County Ambulance District.
- 3) FUNDING. An assessment of two (2) mills shall be levied on all real and personal property in the district. Funds will be for the purpose of acquiring vehicles and equipment and for maintenance and operation of an ambulance service for the use and benefit of property owners residing in the district.
- 4) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. The County Court shall appoint five (5) Commissioners who are residents of the district. The County Court shall appoint two (2) additional members to the Board of the WCCAD, one of whom shall serve for an initial term of five (5) years and one of whom shall serve for an initial term of four (4) years, after which the positions will be for three (3) year terms. The term of each Commissioner of the Western District Ambulance Service Improvement District shall begin on July 1 and shall run for three years, with each term staggered according to law and practice. The currently serving Commissioners' terms are either extended to or abbreviated to July 1 in the year in which each term is set to expire. The Commissioners are authorized to acquire ambulance services to the residents. They are further authorized to purchase, lease, rent, contract, and be contracted with, and any other function in order to manage the provision of ambulance services to the district. The Board of Commissioners of Western Carroll County Ambulance District shall have the authority to contract with any qualified

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emergency service provider which it determines to be in the best interest of the people of the ambulance service district.

- 5) PROVIDER OF SERVICE. The Eureka Springs Ambulance Service, under the management of the Emergency Services Department of the City of Eureka Springs, shall be the provider of ambulance and emergency medical services for the district (except for the Kings River voting precinct), unless otherwise provided by County Ordinance. The District Board of Commissioners shall secure a contract with the City of Eureka Springs for the provision of services to the district (except for the Kings River voting precinct).
- 6) REPEALER. All ordinances or resolutions, and parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- 7) SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Ordinance shall for any reason be held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and this Ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision or provisions had never been contained herein.
- 8) REFERENDUM AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be referred to the electors in the affected area not less than sixty (60) days and not more than ninety (90) days after the passage of the Ordinance and before any taxes are levied, assessed, or collected. In the event the referred Ordinance is approved, it shall be in full force and effect upon certification of the election results by the County Election Commission.  
([Ord. 1992-013](#), passed 8-21-92; Am. [Ord. 1995-027](#), passed 12-15-95; Am. [Ord. 2012-014](#), passed 5-18-12; Am. [Ord. 2013-020](#), passed 11-22-13)

**§ 900.01 AMBULANCE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ESTABLISHED;  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CARROLL COUNTY.**

- 1) ESTABLISHMENT AND SERVICE AREA. An Ambulance Service Improvement District is hereby created to serve the areas including the following voting precincts: Kings River, NW Prairie, NE Prairie, SW Prairie, SE Prairie, BV-I, BV-II, Polo, N Yocum, S Yocum, NW Hickory, NE Hickory, SW Hickory, SE Hickory, GFW-I, GFW-II, Cabanal, Omega, Liberty, Piney, Dry Fork, Long Creek, Coin, Carrollton, and Osage.
- 2) NAME. This District shall be called the Eastern Carroll County Ambulance District (ECCAD).
- 3) FUNDING AND REFERRAL. An assessment of 2.5 mills is hereby levied on all real and personal property in the district. This Ordinance and levying of the 2.5 mills shall be

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referred to the electors in the affected area not less than sixty (60) days and not more than ninety (90) days after the passage of this Ordinance and before any taxes are levied, assessed, or collected. In the event this referred ordinance is approved, it shall be in full force and effect upon certification of the election results by the county election commission, and said 2.5 mill tax shall be levied, assessed and collected. Funds will be used for the operation of the ECCAD for the use and benefit of residents within the district. The taxes collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be administered by the County as an enterprise fund but shall be levied and collected as county taxes.

- 4) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.** The County Court will appoint five commissioners to serve on the Board, all of whom must be residents within the ECCAD boundaries. The commissioners shall serve initial staggered terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) years, with these designations made by the County Court. After the initial term, the commissioners shall serve three (3) year terms as outlined in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-282-104. Commissioners may be reappointed by the County Court on the expiration of their term. The commissioners are authorized to purchase, lease, rent, contract and be contracted with, and any other lawful function in order to manage the provision of ambulance services to the district.
  
- 5) **PROVIDER OF SERVICE.** The Board of Commissioners of the Eastern Carroll County Ambulance District shall have the authority to contract with any qualified emergency service provider which the commissioners determine to be in the best interest of the people of the ambulance service district.  
([Ord. 2016-021](#), passed 8-23-2016)

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**Article II.    OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Section**

Reserved.

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**Article III. FIRE PREVENTION / PROTECTION**

**A.C.A. § 14-20-108(a)(1)(A)-(a)(1)(B)(i)(a), (b)-(c). Dues for volunteer fire departments.**

(a) (1)(A) The quorum court of each county, upon request filed with the quorum court by one (1) or more volunteer fire departments in the county, may adopt an ordinance authorizing a designated county official to collect and remit to the volunteer fire department the annual or quarterly dues charged by the volunteer fire department in consideration of providing fire protection to unincorporated areas in the county.

(B)(i)(a) When a quorum court receives a request for the levy of volunteer fire department dues and the request has been signed by the fire chief and the chair and secretary of the board of directors, if any, of a volunteer fire department and filed with the county clerk, the quorum court by ordinance shall call for an election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on each residence and on each business having an occupiable structure.

(b)(1) The quorum court by majority vote may designate the geographical area that a volunteer fire department serves.

(2) Upon request by a volunteer fire department, the quorum court of each county involved may authorize a volunteer fire department to serve a geographical area to extend across the county boundary lines.

(c) The quorum court may establish its own countywide fire department, either regular or voluntary.

**A.C.A. § 14-284-203. Methods of establishment. (Fire Protection Districts Outside of Cities and Towns.)**

Fire protection districts may be established to serve all or any defined portion of any county in any of the following ways:

(1) By ten percent (10%) of the qualified electors in the proposed district's petitioning the quorum court to hold a public hearing and to form a district, and by the quorum court's adopting an ordinance calling for notice and a public hearing within the district;

(2) By the county court pursuant to an election of the qualified electors of the proposed district initiated, called, and conducted as provided in this subchapter; or

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(3) By the county court pursuant to a resolution of a suburban improvement district, approved by a unanimous vote of its board of commissioners, to convert to a fire protection district to be administered under this subchapter.

**A.C.A. §§ 14-284-201-225. Fire protection districts outside of cities and towns.**

(a) (1) Fire protection districts established under the provisions of this subchapter shall cover only territory within the county, or within the defined district, outside the corporate limits of cities and towns.

(2) However, if any city or town within the district does not have an organized volunteer fire department and desires to be included within the fire protection district, upon the adoption of an ordinance therefor by the governing body of the city or town, addressed to the county judge and quorum court, the area covered by the fire protection district may be extended to provide fire protection within the city limits of the city or town by ordinance adopted by the quorum court.

(b) In order to avoid duplication of fire protection services, fire protection districts established under this subchapter shall be established for the primary purpose of providing fire protection in rural areas for buildings, structures, and other man-made improvements. In addition, fire protection districts may provide other emergency services, like hazardous and toxic material response, search and rescue services, emergency medical, ambulance, and patient transport services, and such other functions as may be assigned to or reasonably expected of a local fire services agency and which it is trained and qualified to perform.

(3) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to relieve the Arkansas Forestry Commission of responsibility for providing of fire protection for forest lands.

**Section**

940.00 Confirmation of the boundaries of the nine fire districts.

**§ 940.00 CONFIRMATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NINE FIRE DISTRICTS.**

1) The attached map indicating the nine fire districts in the County is hereby designated as the official fire district map of Carroll County.

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([Ord. 2002-003](#), passed 1-18-02; [Ord. 2002-016](#), passed 5-17-02; [Ord. 2004-024](#), passed 9-9-04; Am. [Ord. 2012-003](#), passed 1-20-12)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ord. 2002-003, passed 1-18-02, established the Holiday Island Rural Fire Protection District; Ord. 2002-016, passed 5-17-02, confirms the 10 Fire District of Carroll County; Ord. 2004-024, passed 9-9-04, established the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District. The map attached with Ord. 2002-016 includes Inspiration Point and Holiday Island Rural Fire Districts.

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**Article IV. JUVENILE SERVICES**

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