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Article I. AIR / WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

A.C.A. § 8-4-101-316. Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act.

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Article II. CHILD, YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

A.C.A. §§ 9-28-201-217. Youth Services.

The General Assembly recognizes that the state has a responsibility to provide its youth with appropriate services and programs to help decrease the number of juvenile offenders in the state and to create a better future for the state's youth and that reforms in the juvenile justice system require oversight by an organization with special expertise in the problems of juvenile offenders. Therefore, the General Assembly declares that this subchapter is necessary to create a single entity within the Department of Human Services with primary responsibility for coordinating, sponsoring, and providing services to Arkansas' youth and to create structures within state government that will be responsive to the needs of the state's youth.

A.C.A. §§ 12-41-801-809. Juvenile Detention Facilities Cooperative Development and Operations Act.

A.C.A. § 12-41-804. Regional facilities.

- (a) Local governmental units are authorized to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, populations, and other factors influencing the need and development of local governmental units.

- (b) Local governmental units may contract with the state through the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services for the financing, acquisition, construction, and operation of juvenile detention facilities, in particular, in accordance with the provisions and procedures as outlined in the Interlocal Cooperation Act, § 25-20-101, et seq.

A.C.A. § 14-20-116. Student accident prevention program.

- (a) The quorum courts of the counties of Arkansas are hereby authorized by ordinance to establish a Youth Accident Prevention Program designed to educate junior and senior high school students about driving while intoxicated, seat belt safety, and injuries resulting from drinking and driving and not being belted. These programs may be conducted up to four (4) days in length, and the cost of salaries, equipment supplies, and other items related to the operation of the program shall be paid by the county.

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- (b) The municipal courts of Arkansas are hereby authorized to allocate up to five dollars (\$5.00) of every fine, penalty, and forfeiture imposed and collected from every person convicted of a moving traffic offense for any Youth Accident Prevention Education Program created under subsection (a) of this section, and the same allocation shall pertain to any bond which is forfeited for any such offenses. These funds are to be remitted to the county treasurer and deposited into a special fund. Funds may be expended from this fund only for the purposes of this section.

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Article III. PUBLIC HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

A.C.A. § 14-262-104. County health officer.

- (a) The office of county health officer is created in each county within the state.
 - (b) The State Board of Health, upon recommendation of the county judge, shall appoint for each county in this state a health officer who shall serve a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed for additional terms.
 - (c) (1) The county health officer shall be a graduate of an accredited and reputable medical or osteopathic university, shall be licensed to practice medicine in Arkansas, and shall have had at least three (3) years' experience in the practice of medicine in the state.
 - (d) (1)(A) The county health officer shall serve as a key public health representative in the local community.

(B) The duties of the county health officer shall include without limitation:
 - (i) Promoting the use of local health unit services;
 - (ii) Advocating for public health policy initiatives with local and state policy makers;
 - (iii) Providing assistance to local public health education and promotion initiatives; and
 - (iv) Establishing a regular communication process with the local health unit administrator.
- . . .
- (i) When performing official duties, a county health officer is immune from civil suit and liability in the same manner as officers and employees of the State of Arkansas are immune under §19-10-305 and Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, §20.

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A.C.A. § 14-262-106. Health departments; establishment.

- (a) Any county may, by proper order of the county court, establish and maintain a county health department.

- (b) Any two (2) or more counties may, with approval of the State Board of Health and, by order of the county court of the respective counties, establish and maintain a district health department.

- (g) No county, whether in a multiple unit or otherwise, voting “NO” regarding the establishment and maintenance of a county health department shall be forced to create a health unit.

A.C.A. §§ 12-12-1701-1722. Adult and Long-Term Care Facility Resident Maltreatment Act.

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1050.00 Emergency medical services; City of Clarendon.

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§ 1050.00 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; CITY OF CLARENDON.

- 1) In accordance with the provisions of A.C.A. §§ 20-13-301—307, there is hereby established an emergency medical services program for the purpose of furnishing emergency medical services to the residents of the designated area of Monroe County as described herein below. The furnishing of these emergency medical services shall be supplemental to and shall not be construed to repeal or modify any law presently in existence relating to the furnishing of such services.

- 2) The designated areas for the emergency medical services system established herein shall be the geographic area within the corporate city limits of the City of Clarendon.

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- 3) The services to be provided to the residents of the designated area shall be emergency transportation to any medical facility as required or allowed by the rules and regulations of the emergency vehicle or its operators, and shall include such other emergency medical services as may be necessary for the life-saving care and treatment of residents requiring such transportation.
- 4) The estimated cost of the services described herein above is thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) per year and shall be financed by a service charge to be assessed against each individual household located within the designated area.
- 5) The City of Clarendon shall collect from each household within its city limits the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per month. All sums so collected shall be paid to the County Treasurer within ten (10) days following the last day of the month in which such sums were collected. The City of Clarendon shall not be liable for delinquent or unpaid assessments but shall take necessary steps to collect all assessments. Any assessment that is not paid by the 10th of the month following billing shall be charged a penalty of five percent (5%) plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the unpaid balance. No service or services that may be offered the residents by the City of Clarendon shall be suspended or disrupted because of the nonpayment of the assessment provided herein.
- 6) The County Treasurer shall establish a separate account to be entitled "City of Clarendon Emergency Medical System Fund" and shall deposit all funds derived from the special assessment therein. The funds shall be expended only by appropriation of the Quorum Court and shall be subject to the same accounting and disbursement procedures and requirements as other County funds. All funds derived from the special assessment shall be used only for the purposes of providing emergency medical services as described above and shall be restricted to use within the designated areas.
- 7) The Quorum Court may, on its own motion or on petition of a majority of the qualified electors of the designated area, discontinue the furnishing of emergency medical services in the designated area and discontinue the levy of service charges in the area. However, the services shall not be discontinued until a public hearing is held at which persons residing in the designated area have an opportunity to appear on behalf of or in opposition to the discontinuance of the services. The time and place of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the designated area at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. If the service program is discontinued, the service charge authorized herein above shall continue to be collected until all outstanding debts of the program have been paid.

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- 8) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

([Ord. 1988-101](#), passed 8-8-88)

§ 1050.01 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; CITY OF BRINKLEY.

- 1) In accordance with the provisions of A.C.A. §§ 20-13-301 – 307, there is hereby established an emergency medical services program for the purpose of furnishing emergency medical services to the residents of the designated area of Monroe County as described in Exhibit “I” herein below. The furnishing of these emergency medical services shall be supplemental to and shall not be construed to repeal or modify any law presently in existence relating to the furnishing of such services.
- 2) The designated area for the emergency medical services system established herein shall be the geographic area within Monroe County and including the corporate city limits of the City of Brinkley, and as set out in the Exhibit “I” attached and made a part hereof.
- 3) The services to be provided the residents of the designated area shall be emergency transportation to any medical facility as required or allowed by the rules and regulations of the emergency vehicle or its operators and shall include such other emergency medical services as may be necessary for the life-saving care and treatment of residents requiring such transportation.
- 4) The estimated cost of the services described hereinabove is fifty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$54,750.00) per year and shall be financed by a service charge of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to be assessed against all household water meters and all water meters of commercial, industrial, and agricultural enterprises employing one or more persons located within the designated area as set out in Exhibit “II”, which is serviced by the Brinkley Municipal Waterworks or a rural water system for which Brinkley Municipal Waterworks bills and collects the monthly water rates.
- 5) The City of Brinkley shall collect from each such household, commercial, industrial, or agricultural enterprise within the designated service area the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per month. All sums so collected shall be paid to the County Treasurer within ten (10) days following the last day of the month in which such sums were collected. The City of Brinkley shall not be liable for delinquent or unpaid assessments but shall take necessary steps to collect all assessments. Any assessment that is not paid by the 10th of the month following billing shall be charged a penalty of five percent (5%) plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the unpaid balance. No service or services that may be offered to the residents by the designated service area

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shall be suspended or disrupted because of the nonpayment of the assessment provided herein.

- 6) The County Treasurer shall establish a separate account to be entitled "City of Brinkley Emergency Medical System Fund" and shall deposit all funds derived from the special assessment which were collected in the designated area described in Exhibit "I". All other funds collected in the designated area as described in Exhibit "III" shall be deposited in "City of Clarendon Emergency Medical System Fund" or "City of Holly Grove Emergency Medical System Fund" as the case may be. The funds shall be expended only by appropriation of the Quorum Court and shall be subject to the same accounting and disbursement procedures and requirements as other county funds. All funds derived from the special assessment shall be used only for the purposes of providing the emergency medical services as described above and shall be restricted to use within the designated area from which said funds were collected.

The Quorum Court may, on its own motion or on petition of a majority of the qualified electors of the designated area, discontinue the furnishing of emergency medical services in the designated area and discontinue the levy of service charges in the area. However, the services shall not be discontinued until a public hearing is held at which persons residing in the designated area have an opportunity to appear on behalf of or in opposition to the discontinuance of the services. The time and place of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the designated area at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. If the service program is discontinued, the service charge authorized hereinabove shall continue to be collected until all outstanding debts of the program have been paid.

- 7) As amended: The per month service charge per water meter for the North Monroe County designated area only, as described in Exhibit "I," is two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). This service charge is to be assessed against all household water meters and all water meters of commercial, industrial, and agricultural enterprises employing one (1) or more persons located within the North Monroe County designated area. Any municipal water company or rural water association which services such a water meter within said designated area shall collect said fee and remit the same to the Monroe County Treasurer to be then included by the Treasurer in the City of Brinkley Emergency Medical System Fund.
- 8) As amended: The City of Brinkley, via the Brinkley Municipal Waterworks and East Monroe County Water Users Association, Inc., shall continue to collect the one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) service fee from those water meters located in the South Monroe County to be then included by the Treasurer in the City of Clarendon Emergency Medical System Fund or the City of Holly Grove Emergency Medical System Fund, as the case may be.

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- 9) If the City of Brinkley adopts an alternate funding mechanism for the City of Brinkley Emergency Medical System, the service fee provided herein shall cease.
- 10) All other parts, directives, terms, and conditions of said original Ordinance not specifically altered or amended herein above shall remain in full force and effect.
- 11) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. There is a great need for an additional source of revenue to pay for the rising costs of emergency services in the North Monroe County Emergency Medical System. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance being immediately necessary for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.
([Ord. 1990-136](#), passed 11-5-90; Am. [Ord. 1991-146](#), passed 4-8-91; Am. [Ord. 2001-304](#), passed 4-9-01)

EXHIBIT “I”

DESIGNATED AREA FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

NORTH MONROE COUNTY

The designated area for emergency medical services for the North Monroe County Ambulance Service, which is primarily under the direction and control of the City of Brinkley, shall be that area north of a line described as follows: Beginning in Monroe at the intersection of U.S. Highway 79 and State Highway 39, thence west along State Highway 39 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 49; thence north along U.S. Highway 49 to the intersection of State Highways 241 and 39, being one mile west of Rich; thence west along State Highway 241 to the intersection of State Highway 17; thence north along State Highway 17 to the intersection of State Highway 241 near Keevil; thence West along State Highway 241 to the intersection of State Highway 302; thence west to the County line dividing Monroe County and Prairie County, all in Monroe County, Arkansas.

EXHIBIT “II”

DESIGNATED AREA FOR COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGE

The designated area for the collection of the \$1.50 service charge by the Brinkley Municipal Waterworks shall include all water meters serviced directly by the Brinkley Municipal Waterworks or indirectly through a rural water system which are in Monroe County and located north and east, and either side of a line described as follows: Beginning at the Monroe County – Prairie County Line on U.S. Highway 70 at Brasfield, thence east along U.S. Highway 70 to the intersection of State Highways 17 and 302; thence south along State Highway 302 to the intersection of State Highway 241; thence east along State Highway 241 to the intersection of State Highway 17, near Keevil; thence south along State Highway 17 to the intersection of U.S.

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Highway 79; thence east along U.S. Highway 79 to the intersection of State Highway 17; thence south along State Highway 17 to the intersection of State Highway 86; thence east along State Highway 86 to the Monroe County – Phillips County line, also being the intersection of U.S. Highway 49, all in Monroe County.

EXHIBIT “III”

DESIGNATED AREA FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SOUTH MONROE COUNTY

The designated area for emergency medical services for the South Monroe County Ambulance Service, which is primarily under the direction and control of the City of Clarendon and the City of Holly Grove, shall be that area south of a line described as follows: Beginning in Monroe at the intersection of U.S. Highway 79 and State Highway 39; thence west along State Highway 39 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 49; thence north along U.S. Highway 49 to the intersection of State Highways 241 and 39, being one mile west of Rich; thence west along State Highway 241 to the intersection of State Highway 17; thence north along State Highway 17 to the intersection of State Highway 241 near Keevil; thence west along State Highway 241 to the intersection of State Highway 302; thence west to the County line dividing Monroe County and Prairie County, all in Monroe County, Arkansas.

§ 1050.02 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; CITY OF HOLLY GROVE.

- 1) In accordance with the provisions of A.C.A §§ 20-13-301 – 307, there is hereby established an emergency medical services program for the purpose of furnishing emergency medical services to the residents of the designated area of Monroe County as described in Exhibit “I” herein below. The furnishing of these emergency medical services shall be supplemental to and shall not be construed to repeal or modify any law presently in existence relating to the furnishing of such services. The service charges shall be assessed and collected on a per household and per unit of service basis and shall include the primary abode of any person or family who is a resident of this County and also all seasonal dwellings of any type, such as cabins, cottages, summer homes, or hunting lodges, whether or not that person or family is a resident of this County. A unit of service is defined as any commercial, industrial, or agricultural enterprise employing one (1) or more persons and located within the designated area.
- 2) The designated area for the emergency medical services system established herein shall be the geographic area within Monroe County and including the corporate city limits of the City of Holly Grove, and as set out in the Exhibit “I” attached and made a part hereof.

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- 3) The services to be provided the residents of the designated area shall be emergency transportation to any medical facility as required or allowed by the rules and regulations of the emergency vehicle or its operators and shall include such other emergency medical services as may be necessary for the life-saving care and treatment of residents requiring such transportation.

- 4) The estimated costs of the services described hereinabove is fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$14,400.00) per year and shall be financed by a service charge of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per month to be assessed against all household water meters and all water meters of commercial, industrial, and agricultural enterprises employing one (1) or more persons located within the designated area as set out in Exhibit "I," which is serviced by the Holly Grove Municipal Waterworks or a rural water system for which Holly Grove Municipal Waterworks bills and collects the monthly water rates. If there is any household or unit of service within the designated area as set out in Exhibit "I" which does not have water serviced by the Holly Grove Municipal Waterworks or a rural water system for which Holly Grove Municipal Waterworks bills or some other city waterworks, or any household or unit of service within the designated area which refuses to pay the assessment when billed, then there shall be assessed a service charge of eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per year to be assessed upon the household or unit of service ad valorem tax notice and collected by the court tax collector at the time of collecting real and personal property tax.

- 5) a) The City of Holly Grove shall collect from each such household, commercial, industrial, or agricultural enterprise within the designated service area, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per month. All sums so collected shall be paid to the County Treasurer within ten (10) days following the last day of the month in which such sums were collected. The City of Holly Grove shall not be liable for delinquent or unpaid assessments but shall take necessary steps to collect all assessments. Any assessment that is not paid by the 10th of the month following billing shall be charged a penalty of five percent (5%) plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the unpaid balance. No service or services that may be offered to the residents by the designated service area shall be suspended or disrupted because of the nonpayment of the assessment provided herein.

b) The County Tax Collector shall collect from any such household, commercial, industrial, or agricultural enterprise within the designated service area which does not have water serviced by the City of Holly Grove, City of Clarendon, or City of Brinkley, or which refuses to voluntarily pay such assessment the sum of eighteen (\$18.00) per year. All sums so collected shall be paid to the County Treasurer within ten (10) days following the last day of the month in which such sums were collected. Any assessment that is not paid by the 10th day of October following the year of assessment shall be

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charged a penalty of five percent (5%) plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the unpaid balance. The tax collector shall not accept payment of any ad valorem taxes from the taxpayer unless the taxpayer at the same time pays the service charges assessed to him/her/it.

- 6) The County Treasurer shall establish a separate account to be entitled "City of Holly Grove Emergency Medical System Fund" and shall deposit all funds derived from the special assessment which were collected in the designated area described in Exhibit "I." All other funds collected from anyone outside the designated area described in Exhibit "I" shall be deposited in the "City of Clarendon Emergency Medical System Fund" or "City of Brinkley Emergency Medical System Fund" as the case may be. The funds shall be expended only by appropriation of the Quorum Court and shall be subject to the same accounting and disbursement procedures and requirements as other county funds. All funds derived from the special assessment shall be used only for the purposes of providing the emergency medical services as described above and shall be restricted to use within the designated areas from which said funds were collected.

The Quorum Court may, on its own motion or on petition of a majority of the qualified electors of the designated area, discontinue the furnishing of emergency medical services in the designated area and discontinue the levy of service charges in the area. However, the services shall not be discontinued until a public hearing is held at which persons residing in the designated area have an opportunity to appear on behalf of or in opposition to the discontinuance of the services. The time and place of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the designated area at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. If the service program is discontinued, the service charge authorized hereinabove shall continue to be collected until all outstanding debts of the program have been paid.

- 7) All other parts of Monroe County Ordinance No. 145 not in conflict with this amendment shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and declared by the Quorum Court of Monroe County, Arkansas, that it is necessary to provide for the emergency treatment and transportation for residents of this County and other people within the County, and that all households and units of service should contribute equally to the cost of such service, but that some households and units of service were not being assessed such fee. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and to correct an inequity among the residents of this County shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

[Ord. 1991-145](#), passed 3-11-91; Am. [Ord. 1996-215](#), passed 2-12-96)

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Article IV. SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

A.C.A. § 25-10-115. County offices of human services.

- (a) The Director of the Department of Human Services shall establish a county office of human services in each county of this state. The county offices shall provide the citizens of each county access to the various services and programs provided by the Department of Human Services as well as follow-up contact and services.

- (b) In establishing a county office of human services, it is necessary that each county office be staffed to provide complete access to services and programs of the department.

A.C.A. §§ 20-79-201-216. Rehabilitation Act of Arkansas.

Section

Reserved.