

CHAPTER 12

EMERGENCY SERVICES

1200.01. Charges for Emergency Services. The City of Blue Earth may impose a reasonable service charge for emergency services, including fire, rescue, medical and related services provided for by the City or contracted for by the City. The Emergency Services fee shall be set in the City's fee schedule, as periodically set by resolution of the Council, and is subject to any limitation imposed by State law. Each service will have its own individual fee.

1200.02. Collection of Fees. If a service charge submitted by the City to an individual or business remains unpaid 30 days after notice of delinquency is postmarked to the recipient of the service, or the recipient's representative or estate, the City, or its contractor on behalf of the City, may use any lawful means allowed to a private party for the collection of an unsecured delinquent account. Unpaid accounts will be considered delinquent 30 days after the original invoice has been postmarked, and notice of delinquency will be sent to the delinquent party on the 31st day.

1200.03. Assessment Against Holders of Real Property. The City of Blue Earth may impose an assessment upon property taxes for any unpaid charges for emergency services against the owners real property located within the legal limits of the City of Blue Earth. The City shall certify to the County Auditor, on or before Oct. 15 for each year, any unpaid emergency service charges which shall then be collected together with property taxes levied against the property. A charge may be certified to the Auditor only if, on or before September 15, the City has given written notice to the property owner of its intention to certify the charge to the Auditor. All emergency services assessments shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, and other conditions provided for the collection of property taxes.

1200.04. Scope of Power. The powers conferred by this Chapter of the City Code of the City of Blue Earth are in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by and other City or State law allowing the City to impose a service charge, tax assessment, or a collection fee for any service provided by the City or contracted for by the City. The City reserves the right to amend by Ordinance all Sections of this Chapter, specifically the listing of additional emergency services. (*Chapter 12 added to City Code Book per Ordinance 03-12 dated 8-18-03.*)