

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE OXFORD TOWNSHIP CODE BY CREATING CHAPTER 175 ENTITLED "EMERGENCY SERVICES" TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE OXFORD EMERGENCY SQUAD

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, County of Warren, State of New Jersey wishes to establish certain rules and regulations related to the provision(s) of emergency and rescue services provided by the Oxford Emergency Squad; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Township Committee wishes to establish a process by which non-residents, receiving the aforementioned services provided by the Oxford Emergency Squad, may compensate the Squad for the receipt of such services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that such amendment to the Oxford Township Code is in the best interest of the Oxford Township and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Oxford Township Code is hereby amended and supplemented by the creation of Chapter 175 entitled "Emergency Services," intended to establish certain rules and regulations related to the provision of emergency services by the Oxford Emergency Squad, as follows:

SECTION I:

CHAPTER 175. EMERGENCY SERVICES.

§ 175-1. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated herein:

EMERGENCY SQUAD shall mean the Oxford Emergency Squad.

PERSON shall mean any natural person(s), partnership, corporation, association, firm, or other legal entity.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY shall mean the person having received emergency service(s) provided by the Emergency Squad.

§ 175-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide authority, procedures, and requirements to seek collection and reimbursement for the reasonable costs of responding to emergency service calls made by non-residents of the Township by the Oxford Emergency Squad for service calls, and safety and rescue incidents coordinated via the Warren County Communications System and 911.

§ 175-3. Authorization to Recover Costs and Expenses.

The governing body of the Township of Oxford authorizes the Oxford Emergency Squad to recover the real and reasonable costs incurred for the provision of emergency services or equipment used and expended; the costs of the use of the rescue vehicle, equipment, and other costs involved in the provision of emergency services.

§ 175-4. Policy for Billing.

- A. The Township of Oxford recognizes the Oxford Emergency Squad's need to bill for volunteer emergency and rescue services to aid in the provision of such emergency services.
- B. No person requiring emergency services shall be denied services due to lack of insurance or ability to pay.
- C. Any applicable charges for volunteer emergency services rendered shall be billed directly to the user of such services or the user's insurance company.
- D. The Squad is hereby authorized to bill and collect costs due to it under this Chapter through a third-party billing agent, provided such agreement with the third-party billing agent is subject to the approval of the Oxford Township Committee.
- E. The Emergency Squad may, either directly or through any third-party billing agency, make arrangements with users of such services and/or their financially responsible party for the installment payments of bills.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to Oxford Township residents, and are, instead, directed at the non-residents of the Municipality.

SECTION II: Severability

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Township of Oxford inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

SECTION III: Repealer

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION IV: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, held September 2, 2026, and will be considered for a second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on October 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building, located at 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.



Lee Geller, RMC
Township Clerk

