

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 2.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code
2 relating to the fire department by amending Section 2.20.010 to provide that the Fire Chief
3 have care and control of all equipment and management of the emergency medical services
4 program; adding a new section numbered 2.20.015 to provide that emergency medical
5 services and ambulance transport be assigned to the Fire Department; and repealing Section
6 2.20.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

7 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

8 Section 1. That Section 2.20.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended
9 to read as follows:

10 **2.20.010 Fire Chief; Appointment; Duties Generally.**

11 The Mayor shall appoint, with approval of the City Council, the Fire Chief, who shall
12 be a member of the unclassified service of the city. The Director of the Fire Department shall
13 be known as the Fire Chief, who shall have at least five years experience in a responsible post
14 with a fire-fighting and fire-prevention organization. The Fire Chief shall be directly
15 responsible to the Mayor and shall:

16 (a) Have control and management of all matters relating to the Fire Department, its
17 officers and members, and shall have the care, custody and control of all fire fighting
18 equipment and apparatus and other property and apparatus belonging to the Fire Department,
19 together with all books and records belonging to the Fire Department;

1 (b) Devote ~~full~~ the necessary time to the prevention and extinguishment of fires in
2 the City of Lincoln;

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in the personnel code, Chapter 2.76, have author-
4 ity to make rules and regulations covering the conduct of members of the Fire Department and
5 the performance of Fire Department functions, provided, that such rules and regulations
6 insofar as they pertain to matters covered by the personnel code, Chapter 2.76, shall be
7 consistent with and limited by the provisions of that code;

8 (d) Annually report to the Mayor and City Council all accidents by fire that may
9 have taken place in the city during the preceding fiscal year, with the causes thereof as well
10 as they may be ascertained, and the number and description of the buildings destroyed and
11 injured together with the names of the owners or occupants and the amount of loss, insurance,
12 and property involved;

13 (e) Cause to be kept a full and complete record of all transactions in said
14 department of complaints against members and the judgment of the Chief thereon, a record
15 of the time lost by members, and a record of all property placed in his charge, and such other
16 books and records as shall be required by the business of the Fire Department;

17 (f) Together with the assistant chiefs of the Fire Department, be subject to duty call
18 at all times, both day and night.

19 (g) Manage the emergency medical services program and shall have care, custody,
20 and control of all equipment and apparatus as may be assigned to that program.

21 Section 2. That Chapter 2.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by
22 adding a new section numbered 2.20.015 to read as follows:

1 **2.20.015 Emergency Medical Services Provided; Ambulance Transport.**

2 There is hereby assigned to the Fire Department the responsibility of providing to the
3 citizens of Lincoln emergency medical services which shall include, but not necessarily be
4 limited to, the provision of the first responder medical assistance and rescue services,
5 paramedic services, and ambulance transport, both emergency and nonemergency. The
6 Council may, by resolution, establish a reasonable service fee to be charged to users and, to
7 the extent permitted by law, the Fire Department shall seek reimbursement for such services
8 through available state and local programs, including, but not limited to, Medicaid and
9 medicare or any successor programs.

10 Section 3. That Section 2.20.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto
11 existing be and the same is hereby repealed.

12 Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after
13 its passage and publication according to law.

Introduced by:

Reviewed by:

City Attorney

Staff Review Completed:

Administrative Assistant