## **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-22 TO ALLOW FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF AMBULANCE RATES AND THE APPROVAL THEREOF BY RESOLUTION OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton has previously passed Ordinance No. 2005-22 which granted an exclusive franchise agreement to Vital Link for service within the City of Clinton, and;

WHEREAS, said Ordinance set the initial rates for service and provided that said rates would be reviewed and adjusted at least annually, and;

WHEREAS, such annual adjustments will necessarily require the amendment of the Ordinance each year which will make interpretation and reading of the Ordinance difficult and cumbersome, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton can set the applicable rates for ambulance service by Resolution once said Ordinance has been amended to allow for such and such a procedure and process is both desirable and practical.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

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<u>Section 1</u>: Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2005-22 is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section 4 is hereby added to read as follows: "Vital Link rates will be set per Resolution of the City Council and reviewed at least annually in consideration of increases, decreases, realignment and adjustments"

Section 2: It having been found and determined that the emergency ambulance service franchised within the city limits of Clinton, Arkansas, is essential to the public health and welfare of the citizens and the modifications to the rate structure is essential to keeping the franchised service in the City for the next year and that such modifications are contemplated and provided for in the Ordinance granting the franchise. Therefore, an emergency exists and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of said public peace, health and safety, same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED: 50 oy 10, 2007

Roger Rorie, Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brad A. Cazort, City Attorney

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