

02/20/2025

Presented by: Mr. Harris &  
Mrs. Thompson

**ORDINANCE NO. 31-2025**

**TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT  
PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP TO PAY 10% OF APPROXIMATELY \$136,148 TO BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services have not kept pace with the actual costs of providing those services. The average cost of an ambulance transport in our area is around \$750, while Medicaid payments typically range from just \$200 to \$300. This significant disparity results in shortfall for ambulance providers, making it challenging for many to cover the full cost of services, invest in necessary equipment, and maintain high levels of patient care to best support local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed into legislation on July 4, 2023, a bill that paves the way for the implementation of the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (ASPP). This initiative aims to provide additional revenue to EMS providers across the state, specifically those serving Medicaid beneficiaries; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed contract is with PCG who will work with Barberton's Ambulance billing service (LifeForce) and the Barberton Fire Department to recover some of this money that was billed and never collected back from the Ohio Department of Medicaid. (ODM); and

**WHEREAS**, This program will allow Fire Departments to receive supplemental Medicaid payments that account for some of the difference between what it costs to provide transport services and what Medicaid currently reimburses. Through the ASPP program, Ohio EMS providers will have the opportunity to leverage existing EMS expenditures to generate additional Medicaid revenue. According to ODM, this program could generate up to \$50 million in additional federal funding for the transport of Medicaid beneficiaries by ambulance providers across the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That Council hereby authorized the Mayor, or his designee, to enter into a three-year contract with Public Consulting Group to pay ten percent (10%) of approximately One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$136,148.00) to be collected annually.

**SECTION 2.** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, in order to execute the contract in a timely manner, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed March 10, 2025

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

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Mayor