ORDINANCE NO. 1025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY BY ADDING CHAPTER 166, NURSING OR ASSISTED LIVING HOMES, TRANSPORTATON REQUIREMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 1: That Chapter 166, Nursing or Assisted Living Homes, Transportation Requirements, be added to read as follows:

§166-1. Definition.

Nursing or Assisted Living Home or facilities shall mean any licensed healthcare facility, hospital, institution, care center, convalescent home, old age home, nursing home, assisted living facility, and any other establishment or institution for the care, treatment, lodging or nursing of persons who are mentally ill or mentally deficient, acutely or chronically ill, or who are crippled, convalescent, infirm or in any way afflicted, or who resided therein for any purpose whatsoever.

§166-2. Ambulance or Equivalent-Type Carrier Services Required.

All nursing or assisted living homes within the Borough of Shrewsbury shall be and are hereby required to have immediately available a private ambulance service or a private van-type vehicle suitable to be used as an ambulance for the conveyance of non-ambulatory as well as emergency patients as the need arises. All nursing and assisted living facility homes shall also have a back-up or secondary service for such transportation needs.

§166-3. Proof of Availability of Transportation Services to be Filed with Borough Clerk.

All nursing and assisted living homes shall file proof of the adequate availability of such emergency ambulance or equivalent-type carrier service with the office of the Borough Clerk on or before July 1, 2016. Such detailed proof will include the details of the ambulance or van-type vehicle available to the nursing or assisted living homes as required by this section including the names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact person as to both the primary and back-up or secondary services for such transportation needs. Further, the nursing or assisted living homes shall update this filing with the Borough Clerk at any time when there is a change with regard to service and on or before January 1 of each and every year thereafter.

§166-4. Transportation Service Information to be Conspicuously Posted in Nursing or

Assisted Living Facility.

All nursing or assisted living facilities within the Borough of Shrewsbury shall prominently post at the emergency desk of each nursing or assisted living facility and such other places as may be appropriate in the particular nursing or assisted living home (so that calls may be promptly and accurately made to the appropriate service) with name, telephone numbers as well as the methodology or employees for other persons manning the facility to contact the transportation service.

§166.5. Violations and Penalties.

Any person or entity violating any of the provisions of this section, including the provision of filing the details and proof of the availability of such emergency vehicles to the nursing and assisted living home and the requirement to post the information to insure that nursing and assisted living homes personnel are cognizant of the procedure to contact the transportation services shall be liable to pay a fine as set forth below for each offense.

§166.6. Failure of Nursing and Assisted Living Homes to Make Adequate Transportation Arrangements; Use of Municipal First Aid.

In the event that the nursing or assisted living home does not substantially follow the methodology set forth in this section with regard to a primary and secondary contract for transportation arrangements but rather knowingly contacts the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad for such transportation, First Aid Agency may file a complaint in the Municipal Court against owner of the entity and the penalty in such event will be a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the first violation and a minimum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) for each violation thereafter where the facility has not worked to remedy noncompliance with the methodology set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according
to law.
First Reading/Introduction: March 21, 2016
Second Reading/Public Hearing: April 4, 2016
Adoption: April 4, 2016
ATTEST:
Kathleen Krueger, Municipal Clerk
APPROVED:
Donald W. Burden, Mayor