

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: October 28, 2014		DATE SUBMITTED: October 7, 2014	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Fire Department		SUBMITTED BY: R. McGregor	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST READING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SAFETY
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ND READING	<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE
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<input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP	<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR		<input type="checkbox"/> INFRASTRUCTURE
			<input type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider authorizing an increase in the ambulance billing rates for service to the citizens of Bryan and Brazos County.			
<p>SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Bryan Fire Department provides Emergency Medical Ambulance Service to the citizens of Bryan and Brazos County according to an ordinance passed in 2012 that authorized the following rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Life Support (BLS): \$650.00 plus \$12.00 per loaded mile when transporting from within the City limits and \$15.00 per loaded mile when transporting from anywhere outside the city limits • Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1): \$850.00 plus \$12.00 per loaded mile when transporting from within the city limits and \$15.00 per loaded mile when transporting from anywhere outside the city limits • Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2): \$950.00 plus \$12.00 per loaded mile when transporting from within the city limits and \$15.00 per loaded mile when transporting from anywhere outside the city limits • Oxygen - \$60 • BLS Supplies - \$25 • ALS Supplies - \$50 <p>To be in line with College Station Fire Department rates, which may reduce confusion across city boundaries, staff recommends an updated billing plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Life Support (BLS): \$650.00 plus \$15.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported regardless of location • Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1): \$850.00 plus \$15.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported regardless of location • Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2): \$950.00 plus \$15.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported regardless of location <p>In addition, the proposed new rates include the following fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxygen - \$85 • BLS Supplies - \$150 • ALS Supplies - \$300 <p>Definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLS is defined as no interventions or only BLS interventions. Ex. c-spine precautions, oxygen, bleeding control • ALS1 is defined as any of the above plus one (1) ALS intervention such as EKG or IV • ALS2 is defined as two (2) or more ALS interventions 			
STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: The City of Bryan Fire Department proposed billing rates are in line with College Station Fire Department rates and will potentially raise more revenue to cover operating costs. However, the new rates represent an increased cost for the use of Emergency Medical Ambulance Services.			

Staff recommends approval of the new ambulance rates as they will be in line with College Station Fire Department rates and potentially increase revenue to cover operating costs. Due to the automatic aid agreement with College Station, it is important to have similar rates. College Station has recently raised their rates, which are reflected with the proposed BFD rates.

OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):

1. Approve the updated billing rates
2. Do not approve the updated billing rates

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Resolution

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

APPROVALS: Randy McGregor; Hugh R. Walker, 10/16/2014

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER Kean Register, 10/17/2014

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY Janis K. Hampton, 10-18-2014

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3448; SETTING NEW RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICES AS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BRYAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan, Texas is a Home rule City, duly organized and functioning under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Bryan Fire Department provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the City of Bryan, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Bryan Fire Department incurs expenses in providing said EMS services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Bryan to continue to provide said services though the costs of providing the services have dramatically increased.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS:

Section 1.

Council Resolution 3448 is hereby repealed.

Section 2.

Effective November 1, 2014, the rate to be charged for ambulance transport service by the Bryan Fire Department shall be as follows:

- A. The provision of Basic Emergency Medical Services (BLS) shall be \$650.00 plus \$15.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported.
- B. The provision of Advance Life Support Services level 1 (ALS1) shall be \$850.00 plus \$15.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported.
- C. The provision of Advance Life Support Services level 2 (ALS2) shall be \$950.00 plus \$15.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported.
- D. A \$150.00 fee for disposable supplies for BLS calls and \$300.00 for ALS calls.
- E. A fee of \$85.00 will be added whenever oxygen is used.

Section 3.

All fees charged and collected are non-refundable. This fee will be applicable to all persons transported by Bryan Fire Department, including all non-residents of Bryan.

Section 4.

This Resolution shall be immediately effective upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bryan, at a Regular Meeting on the 28th day of October, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

Jason P. Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney