

Adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bryan, TX approving an increase in ambulance billing rates to match those of College Station

Summary: The Bryan Fire Department provides Emergency Medical Ambulance Service to the citizens of Bryan and Brazos County according to an ordinance passed in 2014 that authorized the following rates:

- 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.
- Oxygen - \$85
- BLS Supplies - \$150
- ALS Supplies - \$300

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Summary (cont):

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:

- Basic Life Support (BLS): \$1,200.00 plus \$19.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported regardless of location.
- Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1): \$1,400.00 plus \$19.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported regardless of location.
- Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2): \$1,650.00 plus \$19.00 per loaded mile for each individual transported regardless of location.

In addition, the proposed new rates include the following fees:

- Oxygen - \$130
- BLS Supplies - \$200
- ALS Supplies - \$400

Definitions:

- 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

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Staff Analysis and Recommendation:

The 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.