

Emergency
Medical
Services (EMS)
Fee Increase

Corpus Christi Fire
Department

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INTRODUCTION

- Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 allows the adjustment of ambulance rates based on the South Region Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Rates can be adjusted only once a year and cannot exceed 5% adjustment per year
- Any ambulance rates requires City Council approval
- Last time rates were adjusted was 2018

Summary

- Propose amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-20 to increase EMS fees by 3%
- Medicare payments received will remain the same while Indigent care fees will be considered Charitable Care and included in the annual TASPP reimbursement request
- Estimated revenue increase by \$211,640
- EMS revenue is used to fund the purchase of equipment and supplies utilized during emergency response

EMS Fee Charts

Table 1: Ambulance Rate Schedule

	Service or Item	2022 Fee (current)	% Change	2023 Fee (proposed)
1	EMS 911 base rate - Transport	\$1,385.00	3%	\$1,426.55
2	EMS 911 base rate - Non-Transport	\$150.00	3%	\$154.50
3	Oxygen	\$45.00	3%	\$46.35
4	Advanced Life Support Routine Disposables	\$50.00	3%	\$51.50
5	Basic Life Support Routine Disposables	\$25.00	3%	\$25.75

Table 2: Supplementary Charges

	Service or Item	2022 Fee (current)	% Change	2023 Fee (proposed)
1	Mileage charge per mile from patient pick-up point to hospital	\$15.00	3%	\$15.45
2	Charge for responding to medical alarm which is a malfunction, no one home, no one injured	\$60.00	3%	\$61.80
3	Charge for emergency medical services provided to non-residents	\$125.00	3%	\$128.75
4	Charge for providing additional personnel when needed to provide care during transport	\$45.00	3%	\$46.35
5	Charge to the facility for Fire Dept. response to skilled nursing facility for the pick-up of a resident that doesn't require transport to hospital	\$250.00	3%	\$257.50