

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-20 Ambulance Rates and updating the “Adjustment of Ambulance Rates,” “Rates” and “Supplementary Charges” sections, effective October 1, 2025, effective October 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 18-20 of the Corpus Christi Code is amended to delete the struck-through text and insert the underlined text shown as follows:

Sec. 18-20. Ambulance rates.

- (a) *Ambulance rates schedule.* Ambulance rates for emergency medical service shall be charged pursuant to the ambulance rate schedule. The initial ambulance rate schedule will be approved by city council and must be filed with the city secretary. The ambulance rates schedule may be amended per the provisions of this chapter and such amended schedule must be filed with the city secretary.
- (b) *Adjustment of ambulance rates.*
- ~~(1) In this section, "Consumer Price Index" means the annual revised South Region Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Medical Care, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.~~
- (1) In this section, "AIF" means the annual revised Ambulance Inflation Factor, as published by the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- ~~(2) Any year in which the consumer price index increases by more than one (1) per cent from the previous year, ambulances rates may be adjusted by an amount equal to the annual change in the consumer price index. Ambulance rate schedule adjustments shall not exceed five (5) per cent in a single year and shall not be adjusted more often than annually.~~
- (2) Each year, ambulances rates may be adjusted by an amount equal to the AIF. Ambulance rate schedule adjustments shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the previous year rates and shall not be adjusted more often than annually.
- (c) The city manager is authorized to establish charges, not to exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service, for other supplementary services such as providing standby equipment and crews at special events and attending training courses.
- (d) *Rates.*

	Service or Item	Fee Per Service or Item
(1)	EMS 911 base rate - Transport	\$1,426.55 \$1,460.79
(2)	EMS 911 base rate - No Transport	\$154.50 \$158.21
(3)	Oxygen	\$46.35 \$47.46
(4)	Advance Life Support (ALS) Routine Disposables	\$51.50 \$52.74
(5)	Basic Life Support (BLS) Routine Disposables	\$25.75 \$26.37

- (e) *Supplementary charges:*

- (1) Providing a mileage charge of fifteen dollars and eighty-two cents (~~\$15.45~~ \$15.82) per mile from patient pick-up point to the hospital.
- (2) Providing a fee for responding to a medical alarm which is a malfunction, no one at home, no one injured, sixty-three dollars and twenty-eight cents (~~\$61.80~~ \$63.28).
- (3) Providing a charge of one hundred thirty-one dollars and eighty-four cents (~~\$128.75~~ \$131.84) for emergency medical services provided to non-residents.
- (4) Providing a charge of forty-seven dollars and forty-six cents (~~\$46.35~~ \$47.46) for additional personnel when needed to provide patient care during transport.
- (5) Providing a charge of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for fire department response to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and adult family homes, for non-emergency lift assistance that does not require medical assistance, transport for medical care, or transport to a hospital.

SECTION 2. This ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2025.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary