



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting September 2, 2025
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 9, 2025

DATE: September 2, 2025
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Ordinance amending Section 18-20 Ambulance Rates

CAPTION:

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.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the Corpus Christi Code Section 18-20 Ambulance Rates and updating the "Adjustment of ambulance rates", "Rates" and "Supplementary Charges" sections.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Amendment to Section 18-20 updates the verbiage in section (b) Adjustment of ambulance Rates, Fee schedule in (d) rates, and (e) Supplementary charges.

In Section (b) Adjustment of ambulance rates the verbiage is revised to use "AIF" ambulance inflation factor, as published by the Federal centers for Medical & Medicaid Services (CMS) instead of "CPI" consumer price index, as publish by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In Section (d) Rates the following rates were updated:

	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

In Section (e) Supplementary charges the following charges were updated:

- (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.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to amending the current City Code is to continue to use the same Ambulance Rates fee schedule. However, this will result in the rate schedule not being updated to reflect the necessary changes to the Ambulance Rates Fee Schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adjusted fees add an estimated \$314,171 in the General Fund revenue to the Adopted FY 2025-2026 Budget.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	35100	City Ambulance
Department #:	10	Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	321000	Emergency Calls

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends 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, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Ordinance (red-lined)