

**Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code to adopt a new ambulance rates schedule and to increase ambulance service permitting fees**

**WHEREAS**, the City is seeking to increase the percentage of cost recovery per the User Fee Study summary attached in Exhibit A;

**Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas:**

**Section 1.** The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 18, Section 20 is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

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.

(2) Any year in which the consumer price index increases by more than 1% from the previous year, ~~the Fire Department ambulances rates may be adjusted the rates in the Ambulance Rate Schedule~~ by an amount equal to the annual change in the consumer price index. Ambulance Rate Schedule adjustments shall not exceed 5% in a single year and shall not be adjusted more often than annually.

(3) Ambulance Rate Schedule will be submitted to City Council annually for review. Any adjustment of ambulance rates requires City Council approval.

(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.

Ambulance rates for emergency medical service shall be charged as follows:

~~(a) Rates.~~

	Service or Item	Fee Per Service or Item
<del>(1)</del>	<del>EMS 911 base rate -- Transport</del>	<del>\$800.00</del>
<del>(2)</del>	<del>EMS 911 base rate -- No transport</del>	<del>—125.00</del>
<del>(3)</del>	<del>Adenosine</del>	<del>—50.00</del>
<del>(4)</del>	<del>Albuterol</del>	<del>—5.00</del>
<del>(5)</del>	<del>Atropine</del>	<del>—5.00</del>
<del>(6)</del>	<del>Bandage/bandaging</del>	<del>—9.00</del>
<del>(7)</del>	<del>Bedpan/urinal</del>	<del>—2.00</del>
<del>(8)</del>	<del>Benadryl</del>	<del>—5.00</del>
<del>(9)</del>	<del>Bite stick</del>	<del>—2.00</del>
<del>(10)</del>	<del>Blanket (disposable)</del>	<del>—7.00</del>
<del>(11)</del>	<del>Burn sheet</del>	<del>—8.00</del>
<del>(12)</del>	<del>Bag Valve Mask</del>	<del>—20.00</del>
<del>(13)</del>	<del>Capnography (Capnoline)</del>	<del>—90.00</del>
<del>(14)</del>	<del>Cervical collar</del>	<del>—21.00</del>
<del>(15)</del>	<del>Cold pack</del>	<del>—3.00</del>
<del>(16)</del>	<del>Collection bag/basin</del>	<del>—2.00</del>

(17)	Combi/king - tube airway	—90.00
(18)	Defibrillation pads	—40.00
(19)	Dextrose	—10.00
(20)	Glucose test strip	—2.00
(21)	EKG, non 12-lead	—50.00
(22)	EKG, 12 lead	—100.00
(23)	Endotracheal tube	—15.00
(24)	Endotracheal tube holder	—5.00
(25)	Epinephrine (1:1000)	—5.00
(26)	Epinephrine (1:10000)	—9.00
(27)	Glucose paste	—5.00
(28)	Head immobilizer	—10.00
(29)	Hot pack	—2.00
(30)	Intubation	—75.00
(31)	Intraosseous infusion	—150.00
(32)	Intravenous (IV) pad	—15.00
(33)	Intravenous (IV) infusion	—35.00
(34)	Intropine	—10.00
(35)	Lasix	—10.00
(36)	Lidocaine 2%	—5.00

(37)	Lidocaine drip	—20.00
(38)	Liquid acetaminophen	—5.00
(39)	Morphine	—25.00
(40)	Narcan	—15.00
(41)	Nebulizer mask	—5.00
(42)	Nitrospray	—5.00
(43)	Normal Saline 1000 ml	—20.00
(44)	Normal Saline 500 ml	—15.00
(45)	Norma Saline 250 ml	—10.00
(46)	Normal Saline 100 ml	—5.00
(47)	Normodyne	—10.00
(48)	Obstetrical kit	—12.00
(49)	Oral airway	—3.00
(50)	Oxygen	—35.00
(51)	Oxygen mask	—10.00
(52)	Pitocin	—5.00
(53)	Pulse oximetry	—50.00
(54)	Sodium bicarbonate	—15.00
(55)	Solu-medrol	—5.00
(56)	Spinal immobilization	—35.00

<del>(57)</del>	<del>Splint</del>	<del>—30.00</del>
<del>(58)</del>	<del>Suction</del>	<del>—10.00</del>
<del>(59)</del>	<del>Thiamine</del>	<del>—7.00</del>
<del>(60)</del>	<del>Valium</del>	<del>—25.00</del>

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~~(b) — Supplementary charges:~~

- ~~(1) — Providing a mileage charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) 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 dollars (\$60.00).~~
- ~~(3) — Providing a charge of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for emergency medical services provided to non-residents.~~
- ~~(4) — 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.~~
- ~~(5) — Providing a charge of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for additional personnel when needed to provide patient care during transport.~~

~~(c) — Review of charges. The Corpus Christi EMS ambulance service rates shall be reviewed as needed to determine the need for adjustments.~~

**Section 2.** The Ambulance Rate Schedule attached in Exhibit B is hereby approved by City Council.

**Section 3.** In reference to the ambulance operator permit fee, the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 57, Section 172(b) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

(b) Operators that do not desire, by written declaration, to be listed on the city's emergency call list shall submit an application accompanied by a permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) \$374.00 plus ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ for each ambulance requested to be permitted. Permit fees and ambulance fees are not refundable.

**Section 4.** In reference to the ambulance reinspection fee, the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Chapter 57, Section 175(c) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

(c) A permittee that causes the removal, during the permit term, of any ambulance from the approved ambulance list on the permit, pursuant to section 57-175(b), may request the permit officer to reinspect the ambulance and return said ambulance to active service. The reinspection request must be in writing and shall be accompanied by a ~~twenty-five dollar (\$25.00)~~ \$74.00 reinspection fee. The permit officer shall reinspect the ambulance within ten (10) days of receipt of such request and payment. An ambulance that meets the requirements of section 57-174 upon reinspection shall be added to the approved ambulance list on the permit.

**Section 5.** If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance be given full force and effect for this purpose.

**Section 6.** Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

**Section 7.** This ordinance takes effect upon publication.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Paulette Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Paulette Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Debbie Lindsey-Opel	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary

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Joe McComb  
Mayor