

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code for Fire Department by adding an ambulance fee schedule.

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

Section 1. The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, 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 one per cent (1%) 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 per cent (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.

(d) Rates.

	<u>Service or Item</u>	<u>Fee Per Service or Item</u>
<u>(1)</u>	<u>EMS 911 base rate - Transport</u>	<u>\$1,385.00</u>
<u>(2)</u>	<u>EMS 911 base rate – No Transport</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>(3)</u>	<u>Oxygen</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>(4)</u>	<u>Advance Life Support (ALS) Routine Disposables</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>(5)</u>	<u>Basic Life Support (BLS) Routine Disposables</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

(e) Supplementary charges:

- (1) Providing a mileage charge of fifteen (\$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) Providing a charge of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for additional personnel when needed to provide patient care during transport.
- (5) Providing a charge to the facility of two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) for Fire Department response to skilled nursing facility for the pick-up of a resident that does not require transport to a hospital.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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 _____, 2021, by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo _____
Roland Barrera _____
Gil Hernandez _____
Michael Hunter _____
Billy Lerma _____

John Martinez _____
Ben Molina _____
Mike Pusley _____
Greg Smith _____

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____ 2021, by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo _____
Roland Barrera _____
Gil Hernandez _____
Michael Hunter _____
Billy Lerma _____

John Martinez _____
Ben Molina _____
Mike Pusley _____
Greg Smith _____

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Paulette M. Guajardo
Mayor