RESOLUTION NO. 5098

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES BY ADJUSTING AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) update their schedule for reimbursements for all ambulance services annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services currently charges the same fee for Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance services or Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, many claims for reimbursement for BLS transports are rejected by Medicaid. Medicare, or other insurance because the City charges the same rate for BLS as ALS services: and

WHEREAS, the patient is burdened to pay the cost of any amount not covered by their insurance; and

WHEREAS, the current CMS schedule is higher for BLS and ALS services than what the City charges; and

WHEREAS, insurance would more often pay the higher amounts if the City separated charges appropriately, which would reduce the burden on the patients and make EMS in Fairbanks more sustainable

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, that the attached version of the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services relating to section 26-111 Ambulance Services, effective April 1, 2024, is approved.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 22nd day of January 2024.

Mital Land For David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA NAYS: None Sprinkle ABSENT: APPROVED: January 22, 2024

ATTEST:

vielle Spider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services					
As of Resolution No. 5098 - Effective April 1, 2024					
Category	Code Sec.	Торіс	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Description
Emergency Services	26-111	Ambulance Services	\$ 1,000.00		Advanced and Basic Life Support Transport
			<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>		Advanced Life Support Transport
			\$ (100.00)		Discount for City of Fairbanks resident
			\$ 250.00		Treatment without Transport
			\$ 150.00		Lift assist, after 5 within 12 weeks
		Additional Patient Transport Mileage	\$ 16.00		Per mile; for all miles
			\$ 13.50		
		Non-emergency assistance to private care facilities	\$ 200.00		Per hour; one hour minimum. Physical assistance in moving patients or clients.
	30-1; 30-31	Annual Technical Inspection	\$ 15.00		In addition to the vendor fee charged to the reporter for the use of the vendor's reporting software, a fee of \$15 will be paid by the reporter, collected by the vendor, and submitted to the City.
	30-1; 30-31	Fire Inspection, investigation, technical services	\$ 125.00		Per hour, one hour minimum. One free follow up. When deficiencies are not corrected within the time specified by the Fire Inspector, fees are doubled for a second inspection and tripled on a third visit. This fee is charged only when the inspection is requested by the business owner, part of a fire investigation, or required by the State of Alaska (excluding those required for alcohol & cannabis licensing).
	30-1		\$ -		Initial inspection no charge
		Inspections in response to safety complaints	\$ 125.00		Per hour, when deficiencies are not corrected within the time specified by the Fire Inspector; fees are charged for a second inspection if substantial compliance not completed; tripled on a third visit.
		Mutual Aid			No fee
			\$ 70.00		4-hour block, Fire Training Center tower and grounds
			\$ 40.00		4-hour block, Fire Training Center conference room
			\$ 70.00		4-hour block, Fire Training Center large classroom
	30-1	In-Service Inspection	\$ 50.00		Per hour; 0.5 hour minimum (only applied to uncorrected items from "no charge" first inspection)