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	Agenda Item No.	64
	Roll Call No.	<u>18-0919</u>
	Communication No.	<u>18-252</u>
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Schedule of Fees regarding ambulance rates by the Fire Department.

SYNOPSIS:

The Fire Department performed an Emergency Medical System (EMS) fee analysis utilizing data from metro area fire departments and EMS services, the 2018 EMS rate survey, and the maximum allowable fee for ambulance services provided by Wellmark. Approval of this Amended Fee Schedule updates the current Fire Department EMS fee schedule. The amended EMS fee schedule will be effective upon approval, June 1, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Increase in revenues; approximately \$250,000 annually

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The following are the rate changes and descriptions of each rate:
 - Basic Life Support (BLS) \$575 to \$595 – An immediate emergency response in which you begin as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to provide basic life support.
 - Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1) \$575 to \$706 – Includes the provision of medically necessary supplies and services and the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one (1) ALS intervention.
 - Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2) \$575 to \$1,023 – Includes the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, involving:
 - At least three (3) separate administrations of one (1) or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion or
 - At least one (1) of these ALS2 procedures:
 - Manual Defibrillation
 - Endotracheal Intubation
 - Central Venous Line
 - Cardiac Pacing
 - Chest Decompression
 - Surgical Airway

- Intraosseous line
 - Advanced Life Support- Intercept \$200 to \$250
 - Loaded Mileage Fee; preloaded mile \$8.00 to \$13.00
- The approved fee schedule is anticipated to increase revenues approximately \$250,000 per year. The approved fee schedule brings Des Moines in line with other similar communities, at the median level, and will ensure our current fees are appropriate for both services rendered and for cost recovery of those services.
- GuideDSM (Strategic Plan)/Goals/Financially Sound City – Updating the schedule of fees ensures our rates for emergency medical services are appropriate, current, and structured in a manner to ensure recovery of personnel and expendable materials costs, thus ensuring Des Moines is a financially sound city moving forward.
- GuideDSM (Strategic Plan)/Goals/Sustainable Community – Having fees that appropriately recover the costs of services rendered, as well as the costs of expendable materials, will help to ensure our services continue to be sustainable as demands for service increase.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 16, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-2940 and 02-2941

Action: Chapter 38, amending Section 38-26 to provide that fees for ambulance services shall be set in a Schedule of Fees; by amending Section 38-81 to provide an exception to the definition of false fire alarms; by enacting new sections 38-84.01 and 38-123.01 to provide for the assessment of administrative penalties for false fire alarms and false police alarms in the amount set in a Schedule of Administrative Penalties; and by amending Sections 38-85 and 38-124 to amend the amount of civil penalties that may be assessed in municipal infraction cases for false fire and police alarms. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

Waiver of readings and final passage of above. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that ordinances must be considered, and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, and that the City Clerk Withhold Publication of this ordinance until a Schedule of Fees is adopted which establishes the amount of all fees referenced in this ordinance, [#14,176](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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