


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-254	Meeting:	June 3, 2019
	Agenda Item:	42	Roll Call:	19-0904
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amendment to the Schedule of Fees applicable to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) under Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Fire Department EMS Section performed an EMS fee analysis utilizing data from metro area fire departments, EMS services, 2019 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. It is proposed that this revised fee schedule will be effective beginning July 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$28,000 - \$67,000 (revenue)

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The following rates will be adjusted pending approval:

- Basic Life Support (BLS) \$595 to \$607 – An immediate emergency response in which you begin as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to respond to the call.
- Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1) \$706 to \$720 – 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) \$1,023 - \$1,043 – Includes the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, involving:
 - At least three (3) separate administration 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
- The fiscal impact is estimated to be an increase of \$28,000 - \$67,000 per year. The projections used partially resolved collection data from July through December 2018. These fee increases will keep Des Moines in line with other similar communities and will ensure our current fees are appropriate for cost recovery of services rendered.
 - GuideDSM (Strategic Plan)/Goals/Financially Sound City – Updating the schedule of fees to ensure our rates for emergency medical services are current and structured in a manner to ensure recovery of personnel and expendable materials costs will help ensure we are a financially sound City moving forward.
 - GuideDSM (Strategic Plan)/Goals/Sustainable Community – Having fees that recover the cost of service rendered as well as the cost of expendable materials will help to ensure our services continue to be sustainable as demands for services increase.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 21, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-0919](#), [18-0920](#) and [18-0921](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code regarding ambulance fees. ([Council Communication No. 18-252](#)) Moved by Boesen that his ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Mandelbaum.

- (A) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the Fire Chief), requires six votes. Moved by Boesen that the rule requiring that an ordinance 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, [#15,667](#). Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Mandelbaum.
- (B) [Amendment](#) to the Schedule of Fees. Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Mandelbaum.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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