


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number: 20-262	Meeting: June 22, 2020
	Agenda Item: 56	Roll Call: 20-1038
	Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief	

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending schedule of fees regarding ambulance rates by the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Fire Department EMS section performed an EMS fee analysis utilizing data from metro area fire departments, EMS services, 2020 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, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$32,000 - \$78,000

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The following rates will be adjusted pending approval:

- Basic Life Support (BLS) \$607 to \$620 – 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) \$720 to \$735 – 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) \$1,043 - \$1,065 – 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
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- The fiscal impact is estimated to be an increase of \$32,000 - \$78,000. 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 City rates for emergency medical services are current and structured in a manner to ensure recovery of personnel and expendable materials costs will help ensure 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 services continue to be sustainable as demands for services increase.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 3, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0904](#)

Action: [Amendment](#) to the Schedule of Fees applicable to Emergency Medical Services under Chapter 38 of the Municipal Code. ([Council Communication No. 19-254](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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