

Subject:

The Fire and Rescue Department is seeking Governing Body approval of a Resolution for the EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule effective July 1, 2011.

Issue:

By ordinance and in the FY-08 Operating Budget the Governing Body approved the recovery of cost associated with the delivery of emergency medical services. The ordinance specifies that the EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule is established by Resolution.

Background:

The Fire and Rescue Department proposed during the FY-12 budget planning an opportunity to increase the EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule. An increase in the Rate Schedule has not been done since the inception of the Program in FY-08. The Center for Medicare/Medicaid Service (CMS) sets the allowable rates on an annual basis.

Discussion:

The Department researched CMS allowable rates as well as surrounding jurisdictions and our proposed EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule meets CMS requirements and is comparable with other jurisdictions. Prince William County will be implementing EMS Cost Recovery on July 1, 2011 and will have the same rates as the Department has proposed. The City of Manassas has not yet adopted the same rate schedule. The Department provides and receives the majority of mutual aid to Prince William County and this Resolution would standardize EMS Cost Recovery Rates between those jurisdictions. EMS Cost Recovery Rates as a matter of best practice should be reviewed and revised on a periodic basis. The proposed Rate Schedule would increase City revenue by appropriately \$30,000 annually.

Alternatives:

None recommended

Recommendation:

City Staff recommends the approval of the Resolution for EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule dated July 1, 2011.

City Business License: Not Applicable

Prepared by: Todd E. Lupton, Deputy Fire Chief Date 04/26/11

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____

Approved by City Attorney: _____ Date _____

Approved by City Manager: _____ Date _____

City of Manassas Park
Resolution Approving EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule
July 1, 2011

WHEREAS, In the FY-12 Operating Budget and by City Ordinance the Governing Body approved the recovery of cost associated with the delivery of emergency medical services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, The Fire and Rescue Department proposed a program for recovery of cost associated with the delivery of EMS utilizing the services of Diversified Ambulance Billing, a third party vendor with established relationships with insurers and a thorough knowledge of the laws and regulations concerning medical billing and privacy issues; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has approved a contract with Diversified Ambulance Billing to provide for third party EMS revenue recovery services..

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby approves and establishes the following rates for cost associated with the delivery of emergency medical services as follows:

Basic Life Support (BLS): Medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint for the Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT).

Charge: \$400.00

Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1): Medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic as defined by the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.

Charge: \$500.00

Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2): Advanced life support (ALS) services provided to a patient including one or more of the following medical procedures: (i) defibrillation/cardioversion; (ii) endotracheal intubation; (iii) cardiac pacing; (iv) chest decompression; (v) intraosseous line, and/or (vi) the administration of three or more medications.

Charge: \$700.00

Ground Transport Mileage (GTM): Mileage assessed in statute miles from the location of the incident to a hospital or other facility where a patient is transported. Only miles traveled with the patient on board shall be considered billable miles.

Charge: \$10.00 per mile

Resolution 07-1000-1037
City of Manassas Park
Approving EMS Cost Recovery Rate Schedule

Amended
5/3/11

MOTION: Councilmember Kassinger SEOND: Councilmember Miller
Date of Meeting July 17, 2007

WHEREAS, In the FY-08 Operating Budget and by City Ordinance the Governing Body approved the recovery of cost associated with the delivery of emergency medical services (EMS); and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby approves and establishes the following rates for cost associated with the delivery of emergency medical services as follows:

Basic Life Support (BLS): Medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint for the Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT).

Charge: \$325.00

Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1): Medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic as defined by the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.

Charge: \$475.00

Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2): Advanced life support (ALS) services provided to a patient including one or more of the following medical procedures: (i) defibrillation/cardioversion; (ii) endotracheal intubation; (iii) cardiac pacing; (iv) chest decompression; (v) intraosseous line, and/or (vi) the administration of three or more medications.

Charge: \$575.00

Ground Transport Mileage (GTM): Mileage assessed in statute miles from the location of the incident to a hospital or other facility where a patient is transported. Only miles traveled with the patient on board shall be considered billable miles.

Charge: \$8.50 per mile

Approved July 17, 2007

Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk

AYES: Miller, Kassinger, Bunner, Gardner, Polk, Treuting, Jones

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION: Councilmember Miller moved to approve as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Kassinger
Date of Meeting May 15 2007

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia, to establish fees for the transport of patients by emergency medical services vehicles.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia, that:

1. Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia, is hereby amended by adding Article IX, Service Fee for Transport by EMS Vehicle, to read as follows:

“Chapter 9

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

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ARTICLE IX. SERVICE FEE FOR TRANSPORT BY EMS VEHICLE

Sec. 9-125. Service Charge.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by Section 9-129 of this article, service fees for Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS1) and Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS2) and a ground transport mileage fee are imposed on each person being transported by any emergency medical services vehicle that is operated or maintained by the City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department or for which a permit has been issued to the city by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services. The term “emergency medical services vehicle” has the definition specified in Virginia Code § 32.1-111.1.

(b) The fee rates shall be established by resolution of the governing body. The rates shall be reviewed on a periodic basis as determined by the city manager.

Sec. 9-126. Disbursement of Funds.

The funds received from the payment of fees established by this article shall be paid into the general fund of the city to aid in defraying the cost of providing such services.

Sec. 9-127. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to the fees established by this article:

(a) **Basic Life Support (BLS):** medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient by an Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (“EMT-Basic”) as defined by the National Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Education and Practice Blueprint.

(b) **Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1):** medical treatment or procedures provided to a patient beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic.

(c) **Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2):** advanced life support (ALS) services provided to a patient including one or more of the following medical procedures: (i) defibrillation/cardioversion; (ii) endotracheal intubation; (iii) cardiac pacing; (iv) chest decompression; (v) intraosseous line, and/or (vi) the administration of three (3) or more medications.

(d) **Ground Transport Mileage (GTM):** number of statute miles from the location of the incident to a hospital or other facility where a patient is transported. Only miles traveled with the patient on board shall be considered billable miles.

Sec. 9-128. Authority.

The city manager is hereby authorized and directed to establish rules and regulations for the administration of the fees established by this article, including, but not limited to, payment standards for those persons who demonstrate economic hardship.

Sec. 9-129. Exemptions.

No fee shall be imposed on persons in the following circumstances:

(a) Persons determined to be medically indigent by the city in accordance with administrative policies established by the city manager; or

(b) Persons transported pursuant to any no-charge mutual aid agreement with another jurisdiction.”

2. All sections of the Code of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia that are inconsistent with and/or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Approved May 15, 2007

Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk

Ayes: Miller, Kassinger, Bunner, Gardner, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Polk, Treuting