

RESOLUTION 2019-10

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY AMBULANCE FEES AND BILLING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, University City Municipal Code Section 140.020 provides that any person using the facilities of the City ambulance shall be charged one or more fees for such use, as may be established from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to establish fees for using the facilities of the City ambulance (the "Services") and to establish billing policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined and declares that the fees so generated will help defray the City's actual cost of providing, maintaining, and improving the Services, that the fees so collected do not and should not exceed the reasonable costs of the Services, and that such fees should not be used for purposes of supplementing the City's general revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to maintain fair and equitable procedures and policies and to collect said charges from residents and non-residents through a third-party medical billing agency or other qualified service provider; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is the policy of the City that all individuals, whether residents or non-residents of the City, unless extraordinary circumstances exist and are approved by the Fire Chief, shall be charged one or more fees for the Services, considering (a) the usual reasonable and customary charges currently prevailing in the St. Louis area, and (b) the actual costs of providing the Services, including 911 services for all Basic Life Support Services (BLS), Advanced Life Support Services (ALS 1 & 2), supplies, and Ambulance Service Transport (AST) for both ALS and BLS. The fees for the Services shall be as follows:

BLS	\$ 725.00
ALS 1	\$ 865.00
ALS 2	\$1,250.00
AST (per mile)	\$ 15.10

SUPPLY CHARGES

ALS Disposables	\$100.00
BLS Disposables	\$ 60.00
Oxygen	\$ 50.00
IV Supplies	\$ 50.00

Section 2. The City shall not charge a fee for Services that result in a non-transport, unless the non- transport meets one of the following criteria:

- A. An Intravenous (IV) is established or other advanced life support treatments are provided, but the patient is not transported.
- B. An Intravenous (IV) is established, medication(s) administered, or other advanced life support measures are performed, and the patient is transported by private ambulance.

The fee for Services meeting one of the above criteria is \$125.00.

Section 3. The City's authorized third-party billing company may initially bill the patient's insurance company or other provider such as Medicare. Any patient balance or co-pay may then be billed to the patient through the authorized billing agency as allowed by law.

Section 4. After the authorized billing agency has exhausted all options for collection and the account reaches 120 days of no activity and the patient/responsible party has not made any payment or arrangements with the billing office, the account may be referred to an outside collection agency.

Section 5. The City Council may adjust the charges annually or from time to time after considering the actual costs of providing the Services and after consideration of any inflationary adjustments allowed by the federal government.

Section 6 City personnel should make all reasonable efforts to obtain accurate information required by the third-party billing agency for billing purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.

ATTEST:



LaRette Reese, City Clerk


Terry Crow, Mayor



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MEETING DATE: July 8th 2019

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Ambulance Billing Schedule

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED? : No

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

Resolution to set the ambulance billing rate and what can be billed for when service is provided by the University City Fire and EMS.

This has not been updated in 13 years.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends to approve the resolution to set the upcoming ambulance billing schedule to help defray the City's actual cost of providing, maintaining and improving the ambulance service operated within the Fire Department of University City.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution establishing fees, policy and procedures: