

Proposed for 6/4/19 Council Meeting

Sec. A4.003 Ambulance (MICU) service

The Fire Department shall provide emergency ambulance service within the City. The Fire Department may provide for emergency ambulance service by using City ambulances, apparatus or equipment, or through an inter-local agreement with another governmental entity. In a catastrophe, the Fire Department may provide emergency ambulance service through the use of the ambulances, apparatus or equipment of another governmental entity, with or without an inter-local agreement, or through the use of private ambulance providers, as determined necessary by the Fire Chief.

The following fees shall be charged for transport by emergency ambulance to a hospital or other approved location for the provision of emergency medical aid within the boundaries of Dallas County:

(a) A base fee shall be charged per trip per person for transportation by the Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) to a hospital providing emergency medical attention. The related fee shall be as follows: Basic Life Support resident fee of \$1,050.00, Advanced Life Support (ALS1) resident fee of \$1,250 and Advanced Life Support (ALS2) resident fee of \$1,350. An additional fee of \$100.00 will be charged for nonresidents. In all cases, whether one person or more than one person is transported in the same MICU, the appropriate charge per trip applies to each individual transported.

(b) Additional fees will be charged for each emergency medical aid provided to the person or persons transported including, but not limited to, drugs, syringes, bandaging, oxygen, airways, intravenous fluids, electrocardiogram (EKG), etc. The charge for these items shall be as follows: BLS supplies \$300.00, ALS1/ALS2 supplies \$400.00, and oxygen administration \$119.00.

(c) Each patient transported will be charged a mileage fee from the point of patient loading to the hospital destination. The mileage fee shall be \$24.00 per mile. The appropriate receiving facility will be determined by paramedics based on the patient's best interest.

(d) A base fee of \$200.00 will be charged to all patients who are not transported to a hospital but on whom care is rendered and medical supplies and/or drugs are used.

Charge rates for MICU and paramedic medical services provided at events apart from customary 911 emergency response will be determined and assessed at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

The person receiving emergency ambulance service, whether transported by ambulance or treated without being transported by ambulance and any person contracting for the service shall be responsible for payment of all fees except as otherwise provided. In the case of service received by a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor shall be responsible for payment of all fees.