



CITY OF PLANO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY SECRETARY'S USE ONLY				
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory				
Council Meeting Date:		09/23/13		
Department:		Fire		
Department Head		Brian Crawford, Fire Chief		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Cynthia Morgan, ext. 7164				
CAPTION				
An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2011-10-7 codified as Section 8-3, City Ambulance Service, of Article I, Chapter 8, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano to adopt increased user fees for ambulance services, and providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, a savings clause, and an effective date.				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR: 2013/14	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	0	0	3,450,187	3,450,187
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	0
This Item	0	0	400,000	400,000
BALANCE	0	0	3,850,187	3,850,187
FUND(S): GENERAL FUND				
COMMENTS: This item will add additional revenue to the Fire Department FY 2013-14 Operating Budget and future annual budgets with changes to the Ambulance Service Fee Ordinance and Rate Schedule, and includes a projected annual revenue increase of \$400,000. These increases are included in the FY 2013-14 Appropriations.				
STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: The periodic review and changing of Ambulance Base Service Fees and Rates relates to the City's Goal of Financially Strong City with Service Excellence and Safe Large City.				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
Revision to the Ambulance User Fee Ordinance, which raises the fees for medical care rendered as follows: Basic Life Support (BLS) fee - \$690; Advanced Life Support (ALS) fee - \$745; Advanced Life Support (ALS2) fee - \$765. Also, a transportation fee of \$15 per mile from the incident location to the medical facility will be assessed.				
In addition to the above charges, when applicable, a medication administration fee of \$50 and/or a \$100 non-resident fee will be charged per person per incident.				
List of Supporting Documents:			Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies	
Ordinance; Memo			N/A	



MEMORANDUM

From the Office of the Fire Chief

Date: September 5, 2013

To: Bruce Glasscock, City Manager

Subject: Increase in Ambulance Rates

Attached is the revised ambulance user fee Ordinance. This revision will increase our current base rate from \$600 to the following multi-level rate structure:

Service	From	To
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$600	\$690
Advanced Life Support (ALS)	\$600	\$745
Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2)	\$600	\$765
Non-Resident Fee	+\$100	+\$100
Mileage	\$10/mile	\$15/mile
Medication Administration Fee	\$50	\$50

According to our contracted ambulance billing company, Digitech Computer, Inc., we can anticipate additional revenue of approximately \$400,000 for FY 2013-2014, bringing our total annual estimated revenue to \$3,850,187.

Brian Crawford, Fire Chief

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WHEREAS, on October 10, 2011, the City Council of the City of Plano enacted Ordinance No. 2011-10-7 establishing user fees for ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the user fees for ambulance services to cover escalated operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after all things considered, deems it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Plano that Section 8-3 of the Code of Ordinances be amended to increase user fees for ambulance services as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. Section 8-3, City Ambulance Service, of Article I, Chapter 8, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 8-3. City Ambulance Service (For Services Rendered on or after October 1, 2013)

(a) The following user fees are hereby approved, adopted, and levied, and shall be paid by those individuals and/or organizations making use of the City’s Fire Department ambulance service:

The Basic Life Support (BLS) fee for medical care rendered is six hundred ninety dollars (\$690); the Advanced Life Support (ALS) fee for medical care rendered is seven hundred forty-five dollars (\$745); the Advanced Life Support (ALS2) fee for medical care rendered is seven hundred sixty-five dollars (\$765). A transportation fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) per mile from the incident location to the medical facility will apply to all transports. In addition to the above charges, when applicable, a fifty dollar (\$50) medication administration fee and/or a one hundred dollar (\$100) non-resident fee will be charged per person per incident.

(b) The following user fees are hereby approved, adopted, and levied, and shall be paid by those individuals and/or organizations making use of the City’s Fire Department ambulance service.

For EMS standby at Special Events, the following fee schedule applies:

1. EMS Cart + two (2) Paramedics @ \$90 per hour
2. EMS Cart + Bike Medics + four (4) Paramedics @ \$171 per hour
3. MICU* + two (2) Paramedics @ \$275 per hour
4. MICU* + EMS Cart + four (4) Paramedics @ \$365 per hour
5. MICU* + EMS Cart + Bike Medics + six (6) Paramedics @ \$446 per hour

*Plano Fire-Rescue’s MICUs are subject to vehicle availability. Patients transported to the hospital will be billed at the established rate.

The user fees established above shall be collected by the Accounting Department, and upon receipt thereof, shall be credited to the General Fund as an offset to the cost of providing the Fire Department service for which the fee is being charged.”

Section II. Any provision of any Ordinance of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section IV. The repeal of any Ordinance or part of Ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such Ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions of any Ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section V. This Ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2013.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of September, 2013.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Diane C. Wetherbee, CITY ATTORNEY