

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 6% INCREASE IN AMBULANCE USER FEES.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1442 authorizes the City of Albany to operate an ambulance business; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Ambulance Service has been granted Ambulance Service Area franchises within the Counties of Linn, Benton, and Marion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Albany is responsible for establishing the quality and level of ambulance service by the City of Albany Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 3178 establishes ambulance and Albany FireMed fees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Ambulance Service shall offer an ambulance membership program called Albany FireMed which is not insurance, but prepayment of ambulance service charges in excess of any health insurance or other medical benefits the member may have; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to review annually and periodically amend the ambulance and FireMed fees charged for services provided by the City of Albany Ambulance Service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of Albany, Oregon, that the fees described in Exhibit "A" be established effective July 1, 1996, for services provided by the City of Albany Ambulance Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Albany reserves the right to accept assignment of payments received from the Health Care Financing Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Albany shall accept payments received from Oregon Medical Assistance Program as payment in full for ambulance service, except where other medical benefits may exist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Albany shall not knowingly solicit FireMed membership fees from persons receiving Oregon Medical Assistance Program benefits, and any such membership received by the City of Albany shall constitute a voluntary contribution to the City of Albany Ambulance Service only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 3371 is hereby repealed.

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY 1996.



Council President

ATTEST:




City Recorder

EXHIBIT "A"

A. Ambulance Fees Schedule July 1, 1996

Base Rate (in-district)	\$ 482.00
Base Rate (out-of-district)	630.00
Rescue Services	192.00
Mileage (per loaded mile)	8.75
Waiting Time (per half hour)	66.00
Extra Medical Person (per hour)	33.00
Aid Call (no-transport)	140.00

B. FireMed Fees Schedule

FireMed Membership (in-district)	\$ 45.00
FireMed Membership (out-of-district)	60.00
FireMed Six-Month Membership	30.00

C. Base Rate

The base rate covers all medical supplies, equipment, and procedures and services associated with pre-hospital medical care and ambulance transportation. Fire Department rescue services and ambulance mileage, waiting time, and extra attendant charges are billed in excess of the base rate.

One base rate will be charged for each patient transported. Persons transported for non-medical reasons will not be charged a base rate or mileage. An example is a parent who accompanies an ill or injured child in the ambulance.

Only one base rate will be charged for each patient transported round-trip from point of origin to destination and back to origin (see waiting time and mileage).

D. In-District

An in-district charge is applied when the primary residence of the ambulance user is within the areas bounded by the City of Albany city limits, the Albany Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD), the North Albany RFPD, and the Palestine RFPD. This is hereafter referred to as the Albany Fire District.

E. Out-of-District

An out-of-district charge is applied when the primary residence of the ambulance user is outside the Albany Fire District.

F. Rescue Services

Rescue fees are charged for motor vehicle accidents or rescues occurring within the Albany Fire District when an Albany Fire Department fire engine responds to assist the ambulance at the incident and performs major extrication, rescue, or fire suppression activities.

G. Mileage

One mileage fee is charged for each patient transported, computed at rate times miles to the nearest whole mile. Mileage is based on "loaded miles" from the point of patient origin to destination. Round-trip transport mileage is computed on total round trip loaded miles.

H. Waiting Time

Waiting time is time in excess of one hour (the first hour is included in the base rate), and is computed in half hour increments to the nearest half-hour from the time of dispatch.

An example of when waiting time may be charged is when a patient is transported to a medical facility, and the ambulance waits and returns the patient to the point of origin. Total charges will be the lesser of: (a) the base rate plus mileage and waiting time charge, or (b) two base rates plus mileage if the ambulance leaves and returns when the patient is ready for return.

Waiting time may also be charged if the patient is not ready for transport when the ambulance arrives, for delays at the receiving facility, or for delays in recovering ambulance equipment through no fault of the ambulance service.

I. Extra Medical Person

An extra attendant fee is charged for a third (or each additional) EMT or other qualified or medically-trained person to accompany the patient during transport when the medical condition warrants. An extra attendant fee may also be charged if the patient weighs over 300 pounds or is emotionally disturbed and requires physical restraint. In such cases, only one extra attendant charge will be levied when a fire engine company is utilized to assist with lifting or restraint in the course of ambulance transportation.

J. Aid Call

An aid call may occur when an ambulance responds to a medical incident, assesses the patient's condition, and provides medical treatment, but the patient subsequently refuses ambulance transportation. An aid call fee is usually charged only when significant time and/or supplies have been expended in the course of the incident and when the patient or responsible party requested the ambulance.

K. FireMed Six-Month Membership

The six-month membership option shall be available only to residents who live outside the Albany Fire District but within the Albany Ambulance Service boundaries.