

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04-020

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE (“B.M.C.”)
SECTION 4.82.060 REGARDING AMBULANCE SERVICE RATES.**

WHEREAS, Ambulance service fees should be changed to reflect changes to Medicare reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, B.M.C. Section 4.82.060 should be amended to reflect a new fee schedule consistent with changes to Medicare reimbursements,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1: B.M.C. 4.82.060 shall be amended as follows:

4.82.060 - Ambulance Service Rates

The following rates are established for ambulance service to users of the Bellingham Fire Department EMS service:

A. Base rates plus those charges described in B and C.

Emergency Medical:

Basic life support (BLS) transport	\$590
Advanced life support (ALS) no transport*	225
Advanced life support transport ALS 1*	750
Advanced life support transport ALS 2*	950
Specialty Care Transport*	950
Unsuccessful Resuscitation*	up to \$950
The ambulance service fee for Unsuccessful Resuscitation is billed at the highest level of intervention provided, either BLS, ALS1 or ALS2.	

Non-Emergency Scheduled Transfers:

Basic life support	550
Advanced life support transport ALS 1*	750

B. Mileage per mile:

Calculated from the point at which the patient is accepted to the point of delivery	
Basic life support transport	\$15/mile
Advanced life support transport*	15/mile

C. Multiple patients in one ambulance.

Billed in accordance with Medicare guidelines; bill full base rate; Medicare prorates for additional patients.

Current ALS* or BLS rate

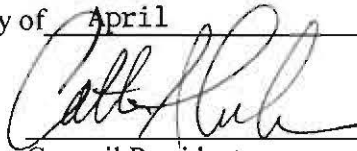
The fees set forth above as ALS service fees and marked with an asterisk ("*") shall be established by ordinance by the Whatcom County Council. In the event that the Whatcom County Council establishes an ALS service fee that differs from those set forth above, the ALS service fee established by the Whatcom County Council shall govern.

The rates established in this section shall be effective the first of the month following approval by the Bellingham City Council.

BLS ambulance fees will be adjusted annually, on January 01, based on the previous 12 month average October to October CPI-U for greater Seattle area, but shall not be decreased. Rates will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.


ALS ambulance fees will be adjusted in accordance with ALS fees adopted by Whatcom County Council.

PASSED by Council this 7th day of April, 2014.



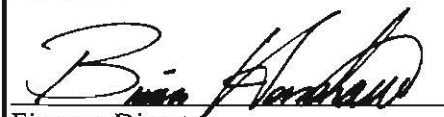
Council President

APPROVED by me this 18th day of April, 2014.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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