

**Memorandum  
Fire Department**

To: Thomas Thomas, City Manager  
Subject: Ambulance Rate Increase  
Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014



Fire department staff has conducted an analysis of regional ambulance transport fees and rate structures in preparing its 9-month CY 2014 budget. The following data was obtained from the 2013 Rate Survey conducted by MEDIC EMS that analyzed twenty-five (25) services regionally:

**All Services**

	<b><u>BLS</u></b>	<b><u>ALS</u></b>	<b><u>ALS2*</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Transport</u></b>	<b><u>Mileage</u></b>
Lowest	\$275	\$325	\$475	\$100	\$9.30
Highest	\$931	\$1065	\$1586	\$500	\$30.00
Average	\$617.12	\$768.25	\$1061.05	\$225.54	\$13.81
<b>RIFD</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$9.30</b>

\*ALS2 indicates critical patients that were either intubated, or given at least three (3) medications intravenously.

The data shows that our BLS, ALS, and ALS2 charges are slightly below the market average, while our Non-Transport and Mileage charges are well below the market average. In fact, our mileage and non-transport rates are the lowest of all the services surveyed.

The last time our current fee structure was established was on September 1, 2009.

Fire department administration proposes the following increases to our ambulance fee structure effective April 1, 2014:

	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
BLS	\$600	No Change
ALS	\$750	No Change
ALS2	\$1000	No Change
Non-Transport	\$100	<b>\$200</b>
Mileage	\$9.30	<b>\$14.00</b>

If the rate change is approved, the increase in revenue collected for the 9-month CY 2014 budget is estimated to be \$35,000.00 (based on historical data).

**Recommendation:** City Council consider, suspend, and pass the ordinance to increase ambulance fees as outlined.

Submitted by: James J. Fobert, Fire Chief

Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV  
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND,  
ILLINOIS:

Section One. Sec. 6-63 of Chapter 6, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rock Island is hereby amended by deleting Section 6-63 subparagraph (a), in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

Sub-paragraph (a) remains the same.

(b) For any person of the ambulance area receiving medical treatment by the fire department within the ambulance area who is not transported by the ambulance, the fee shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

(c) In addition to the above stated fees, there shall be an additional fee of Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) for each loaded mile on each ambulance call and a charge of Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) for oxygen.

Sub-paragraph (d) remains the same.

Section Two. All ordinances and parts of ordinances that are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, insofar as they do so conflict.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_