



THE
CITY of PELLA

STAFF MEMO TO COUNCIL

ITEM NO: D-2
 SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Ambulance Service Fees
 DATE: June 29, 2022

BACKGROUND:

This resolution approves ambulance service fees. As background, on June 7, 2022, Council adopted an ordinance establishing a city ambulance service. The ordinance authorized the establishment of fees by resolution.

Proposed Fees

As required by the approved ordinance, staff has included a resolution that sets the following fees based on comparisons with neighboring communities and providers:

Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$	650
Basic Life Support (BLS) - Emergent	\$	750
Advanced Life Support (AIS)	\$	900
Advanced Life Support (AIS) - Emergent	\$	1,000
Advanced Life Support 2 (AIS) (Multiple High Level Skills)	\$	1,200
Specialty - More than 1 ALS provider	\$	1,500
Per Mile Charge	\$	29 per mile
Secure Car Transfer Loaded	\$	4 per mile
Secure Car Unloaded	\$	1 per mile
Event Dedicated Ambulance Standby	\$	100 per hour
Event Non-Dedicated Ambulance Standby	\$	50 per hour
Event Dedicated UTV	\$	50 per hour
Continuing Educational Classes	\$	75 per hour
Hospital Transfer/Procedures Standby	\$	48 per hour
CPR and First Aid Certification	\$	50 per certification
Treat and No Transport	\$	225
Lift Assist (beginning on second request)	\$	100
Additional EMS Caregiver (transfer)	\$	50
Paramedic Tier with BLS Ambulance	\$	125

It should be noted that the proposed fees do not cover charges billed by federal government programs (Medicare and Medicaid). The federal government statutorily sets the fees for service through these programs. Staff believes that the proposed rates will result in an estimated \$300,000 over the 2023 fiscal year, which was included as a contingency in the adopted budget.

Comparison

The included fees attempt to balance the required financial subsidy of the ambulance service with reasonable and comparable rates.

The following are the proposed fees in comparison with surrounding areas and communities:

	City of Pella Proposed Rates	City of Knoxville Rates	Mahaska Co. Rates	City of Newton Rates
Basic Life Support	\$ 650	\$ 1,000	\$ 533	\$ 412
Basic Life Support - Emergent	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	\$ 684	\$ 659
Advanced Life Support	\$ 900	\$ 1,200	\$ 956	\$ 494
Advanced Life Support - Emergent	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,325	\$ 782
Advanced Life Support 2 (Multiple High-level Skills)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,868	\$ 1,132
Specialty (more than 1 ALS provider)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 1,338
Per Mile Patient Charge	\$ 29	\$ 17	\$ 31	\$ 14

Staff believes the proposed fees are reasonable for the level of service provided by the department and should be reviewed annually for competitiveness and to evaluate the impact on the city’s finances.

Summary

In summary, staff recommends approval of this resolution which approves ambulance service fees that staff believes are in line with surrounding communities and will result in a financial impact in accordance with the city’s adopted fiscal year 2023 budget.

- ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
- REPORT PREPARED BY: City Administration
- REPORT REVIEWED BY: City Administrator, Ambulance Chief, City Clerk
- RECOMMENDATION: Approve resolution